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SECOND BIG FIRE IN 10 DAYS

Condition Of Benes Worsens

Prague, September 1. Dr. Edward Benes, 64-year-old former President of Czechoslovakia, who has been in broken health since Munich, 1938, lay unconscious and dying at his country home.

The latest medical reports on his condition early today said that a serious deterioration has reduced any hope that he will recover. He was reported to be sinking fast. Doctors remained at his bedside and relatives and close followers of Dr. Benes, co-founder with Thomas Masaryk of the Czechoslovak Republic after the first world war, kept a death watch throughout the night.—Reuter.

'GERTRUDE' SWEEPS P.I. RICE BOWL

Manila, September 1. Violent rains in the backwash of a slow moving typhoon flooded Manila and brought fresh damage to the Philippine rice bowl in Central Luzon.

The storm, named Gertrude by the United States Navy, with winds up to 60 miles an hour, whirled across the fields of Pangasinan and swirled through jagged canyons of the mountain province within 24 miles of Baguio.

By 1200 GMT the Philippine Weather Bureau expected the center of the storm to pass into the China Sea in northern Luzon. Manila police had no immediate reports of casualties. Police Headquarters itself was under a foot of water in the Diliman prison compound. The flooded damage system in the war-torn capital complicated matters. The Pasig River overflowed. Associated Press.

BANK'S FAILURE SHAKES MARKET

Failure of a large Chinese native bank, whose liabilities were reported to run to several million dollars, shook the money market yesterday.

The bank was operating in gold, and was said to have been holding a very large quantity of the metal. The crash came as a result of the headlong downward plunge in price during the past week.

Yesterday the market opened at \$203.00 a ton. It dropped nine points to \$204.00. Then in a remarkable about turn it recovered to \$204.00. At the close it eased off again to \$203.50.

The market was at its lowest level since the beginning of the year. Another outstanding feature of yesterday's market was the continued downward plunge of the U.S. dollar which touched HK\$4.85 for TT and HK\$5.03 for notes—the lowest since January.

The heavy fall in gold prices was given as the reason for the drop, but from business quarters the slump was attributed to the accumulation of American goods in Hong Kong which could not find an outlet.

Dealings in other items on the money market were practically ignored.

Plasters opened at HK\$11.50 a 100, dropped to HK\$11.40, and closed at HK\$11.50.

Ticals were unchanged at \$25.50 a 100.

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HK\$800,000 Damage Estimated In Blaze At Naval Dockyard

MEDICAL STORE GUTTED

The second disastrous fire within 10 days drew thousands of spectators to Chater Road, the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground and Queen's Road at 6.28 p.m. yesterday when sheets of flames were seen leaping 150 feet, and columns of smoke 300 feet, above the Royal Naval Dockyard.

RAF Blasts Terrorist Hangout

Kuala Lumpur. Royal Air Force fighters were in action against a suspected camp of insurgents near Kuala Lumpur today, and fired two salvos of rockets into the target, an RAF communiqué reported.

A party of police and military, who were moving on a rebel camp in the Valung district of Kedah (180 miles north of Kuala Lumpur) yesterday fought their way out of an ambush.

Another party, which approached the camp from the opposite side, surprised about 70 insurgents, wounding several and capturing a quantity of arms.

Malayan terrorists last night tried to kill Mr. Edith O'Gillivie, daughter of Mr. J. O'Gillivie, of Aberdeen who was murdered near Ipoh early last month.

Soon after dusk, insurgents opened fire on Mr. O'Gillivie's bungalow at the Maru tin mine at Jelapang, near Ipoh, but were driven off by Mr. O'Gillivie and his guards.

The police later identified one of the spent bullets inside the bungalow as having been fired from the gun stolen from the bullet-ridden body of Mr. O'Gillivie, 56 years old brother.—Reuter.

Police late last night estimated the damage at HK\$800,000.

Three fire appliances, under Acting-Chief Officer C. W. Brand and Station Officer C. W. Browne, were on the scene within a few minutes and had several lines of hose playing on the fire at the Medical Stores, which was a sheet of flames.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Reynolds was the first to arrive at the fire and, single-handed, did a most commendable job at keeping the crowds away from the danger area.

He was assisted, about five minutes later, by the Emergency Unit, under Sub-Inspector Dempsey, which immediately cordoned the area off.

East-bound traffic was diverted from Chater Road to Queen's Road by Jackson Street. Normal conditions were restored at 7.20 p.m. Such was the heat that it could be felt 30 yards away and Press representatives and police officers were kept at that distance for some time.

Thousands Watch

The flames and smoke were visible for miles around, and the roof tops of houses at Central and Wanchai, as well as Tsimshatsui, were picked with people. Thousands of curious sightseers also crowded the waterfront and other vantage points.

Attracted by the volumes of dense black smoke rising skywards, hundreds of Chinese sightseers who were watching a thrilling miniature football match at the Southern Playground, Wanchai, dashed to Gloucester Road and the Junction of Hennessy and Johnston Roads.

While a party of fire-fighters were attacking the building forming the stores and first-aid post, other parties were concentrating their hoses on the adjoining Nissen huts. Fire extinguishers were also called into use by the firemen.

The fire-fighting force was augmented by Fire Boat No. 2 which, tied up alongside the Murray Pier, pumped gallons of water through the hoses laid on to the seat of the flames.

The very fine work by the Fire Brigade, the fire under control by 6.50 p.m. and from then until about 9 p.m. fumed with a medicinal aroma swept

Official Story

Among the high-ranking police officers on the scene were Mr. W. B. Sparrow, Deputy Commissioner of Police, ASP Searle, Chief Inspector Carruthers, Inspector Simpson, Detective-Inspector C. Y. Shu, and Detective Sub-Inspectors White and Carruthers.

An official communiqué issued by the Naval Authorities at 8.15 p.m. stated:

"At 6.30 p.m. today, a fire broke out in the Royal Naval Medical Store, H.M. Dockyard. Fire appliances from the Dockyard Fire Brigade and Central Fire Station were quickly on the scene and before 7.30 p.m. the fire was extinguished without spreading to any other building. There were no casualties."

APL COOK CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING

San Francisco, August 31. Warwick J. Young, 34, of Brooklyn, New York, was held for trial today on charges of attempting to smuggle US\$14,000 worth of narcotics into the United States aboard a freighter.

Young, chief cook on the American President Lines ship Marine Snapper, was accused of hiding the narcotics aboard the freighter at Shanghai.—United Press.

The Portuguese sloop, Pedro Nunes, is due to arrive in Hong Kong from Macao on Monday.

The vessel is coming to the Colony for minor repairs and refuelling, according to the local Portuguese Consulate.



SHEET OF FLAME reaches into a dense cloud of smoke during yesterday's fire at the medical store of the Royal Naval Dockyard.—Mee Cheung Photo.

Agents Cancel French Liner's Shanghai Trip

The voyage of the ss. Champollion to Shanghai has been cancelled by the ship's agents, Messageries Maritimes. No decision, however, has yet been made on the date of the vessel's return to France via Saigon.

The crew who refused to continue the voyage to Shanghai yesterday received a cable from their syndicate, Cie Generale des Travailliers, supporting their stand.

The agents of the vessel told the "China Mail" yesterday that they were still waiting instructions from their head office and therefore are not in a position to say when the ship will return to France.

They added that their head office and the Cie Generale des Travailliers are still discussing the subject.

Hitler's Financial Wizard Acquitted

Stuttgart, September 1. Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former Reichsbank President and Reich Finance Minister, under Hitler, today won his appeal against a ten year labour camp sentence, passed by a Stuttgart denazification court, after his acquittal at Nuremberg.

The public applauded the result of the appeal which had been heard by the denazification court of appeal at the Ludwigsburg imprisonment camp.

The costs of the court proceedings were ordered to be paid by the state.

The appeal by Hitler's financial wizard—Dr. Schacht is 71—had lasted one month. Evidence by important Germans and German Foreign Office officials had expressed the opinion that Dr. Schacht was regarded as Hitler's most important opponent.

Dr. Schacht told the appeal court that he always had attempted to "keep in limits" Hitler's policy leading to war. Dr. Gerhard Schubert, the presiding judge, said, when announcing the court's decision: "I have to state that Dr. Schacht was no Nazi. He only belonged to the 'one-man party'—Hjalmar Schacht."

"It is a fact that he put his over-average ability at the Nazi's disposal, and this makes him responsible towards the denazification laws."

Dr. Schacht himself committed no crime and this permits the court to regard him as a 'non-offender'.

After the Roehm affair in July, 1933, Dr. Schacht turned to a secret opponent of the then regime, the judge added. He participated as an "inspire" in numerous coup d'etat, aiming at Hitler's removal.—Reuter.

TORPEDO BOAT CREW CAUGHT

Eleven men, alleged to be connected with the motor torpedo boat, captured by Hong Kong's Revenue Inspectors late on Tuesday night, have been arrested, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.

After the men had fled from the torpedo boat, on the approach of the Revenue Department launch, the police and Revenue Inspectors threw a cordon around a hill nearby. The men had been observed escaping towards the hill.

Between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday, the police arrested 10 men believed to be the crew of the speed boat. Some were found hidden in the undergrowth on the hillside; others were arrested in some huts.

Earlier in the morning, the Police arrested the eleventh man. This man is believed to be one of the owners of the contraband cargo found on the craft.

Hotel Residents' Association Meeting

A general meeting of some 200 hotel residents, members of the newly-formed Hotel Residents' Association, will be held today at the Peninsula Hotel at 9.15 p.m.

The Association was formed last month shortly after Government abrogated the official controlled rates for hotel accommodation in Hong Kong, and froze them at the rates prevailing on July 31.

The general meeting called for tonight at the Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, is to elect a new committee and adopted the draft constitution of the Association.

Members of the Association include residents from Peninsula Hotel, Star Hotel, Lyton House, Melbourne Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel. Hotel residents who have not joined the Association are invited to the general meeting tonight.

The cargo included 191 two-hundred-pound bags of salt, 279 four-gallon tins of kerosene, 27 cases of cigarette paper, and eight bags of cuttle fish.

By last night none had come forward to claim either the goods or the motor torpedo boat.

Revenue Department officials, after inspecting the craft yesterday, said that the scars on the speed boat indicated that she must have been involved in gun battles previously.

(Pictures below left)

ARMED ROBBERY

Three robbers, two of whom were armed with revolvers, gained admittance to No. 75 Fuk Wing Street, 1st floor, Kowloon at about 2.15 p.m. yesterday and robbed the occupants of \$420 in cash, three gold finger rings and one camera. Up to a late hour last night, no arrests had been made.

The spokesman pointed out that the two members of the crew of the Andre Lebon, who had to stay behind, were now at liberty and were awaiting the Champollion to arrive, so they can leave Shanghai.

He said the two real culprits in the Andre Lebon case were arrested in Marseilles and will face a French court.—United Press.

Himsworth On Wolfram Smuggling

Shanghai, September 1. Mr. Eric Himsworth, Director of the Import and Export Department in Hong Kong, who is attending the conference in connection with the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East here, today described as misleading a report by a foreign news agency from Hong Kong that wolfram ore is being smuggled through Hong Kong, destined for Russia.

In this particular case, Mr. Himsworth confirmed that wolfram was not smuggled but was consigned to Russia by the Chinese National Resources Commission in fulfillment of the Chinese Government's barter arrangement with the Soviet Government, and that all proper formalities both as regards China and Hong Kong were duly complied with.—Reuter.

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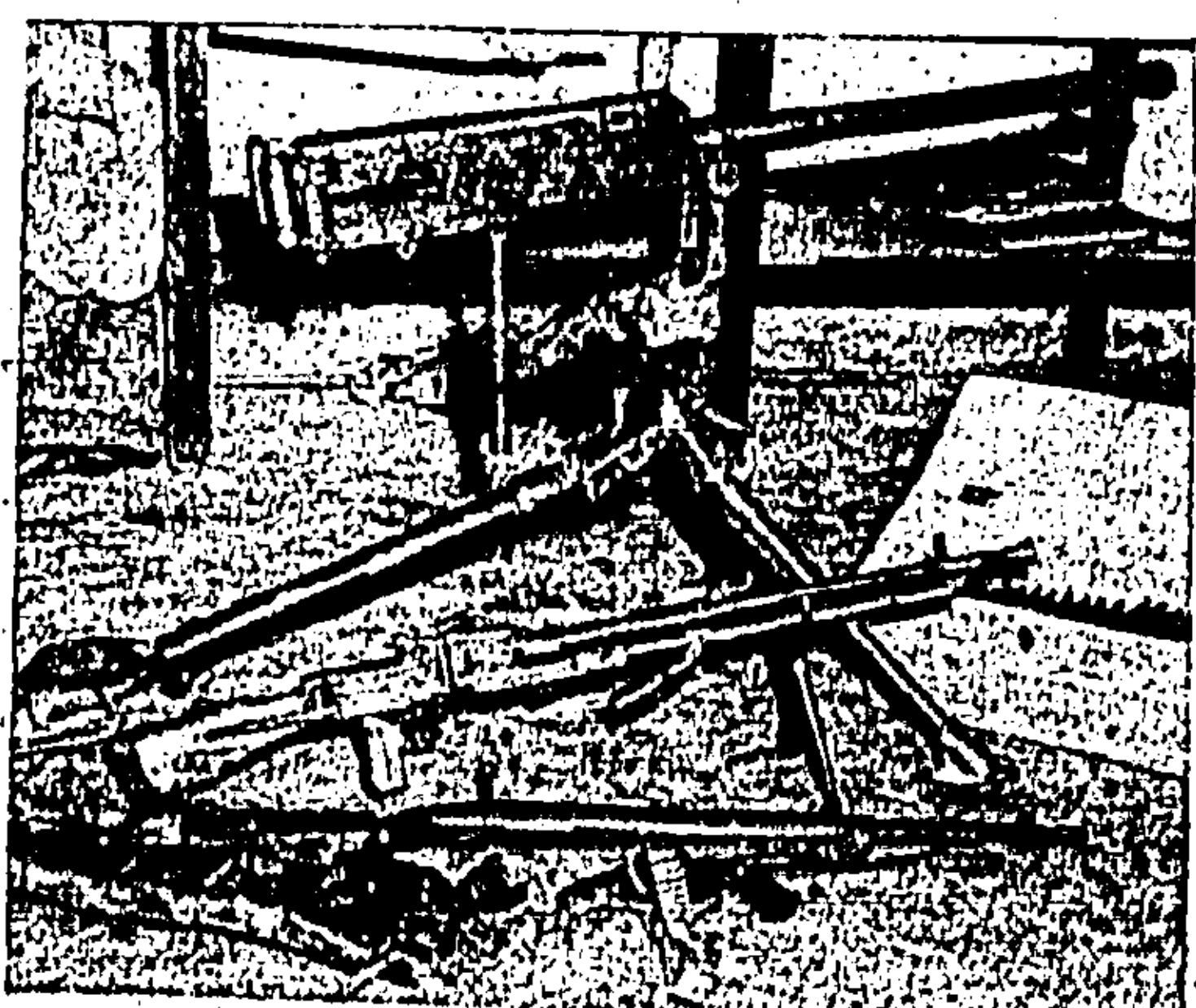
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SMUGGLERS' TORPEDO BOAT

A HEAVY MACHINE-GUN, a Bren gun, a rifle, a revolver, a bayonet and a case of ammunition (right) were among the arms with which the crew of an American-made motor torpedo boat equipped themselves at Aberdeen on Tuesday night. They were about to leave with several tons of contraband cargo on board when Hong Kong's Revenue Inspectors arrived on the scene. Every third bullet in the ammunition belt of the machine-gun was a dum-dum.—China Mail Photo.

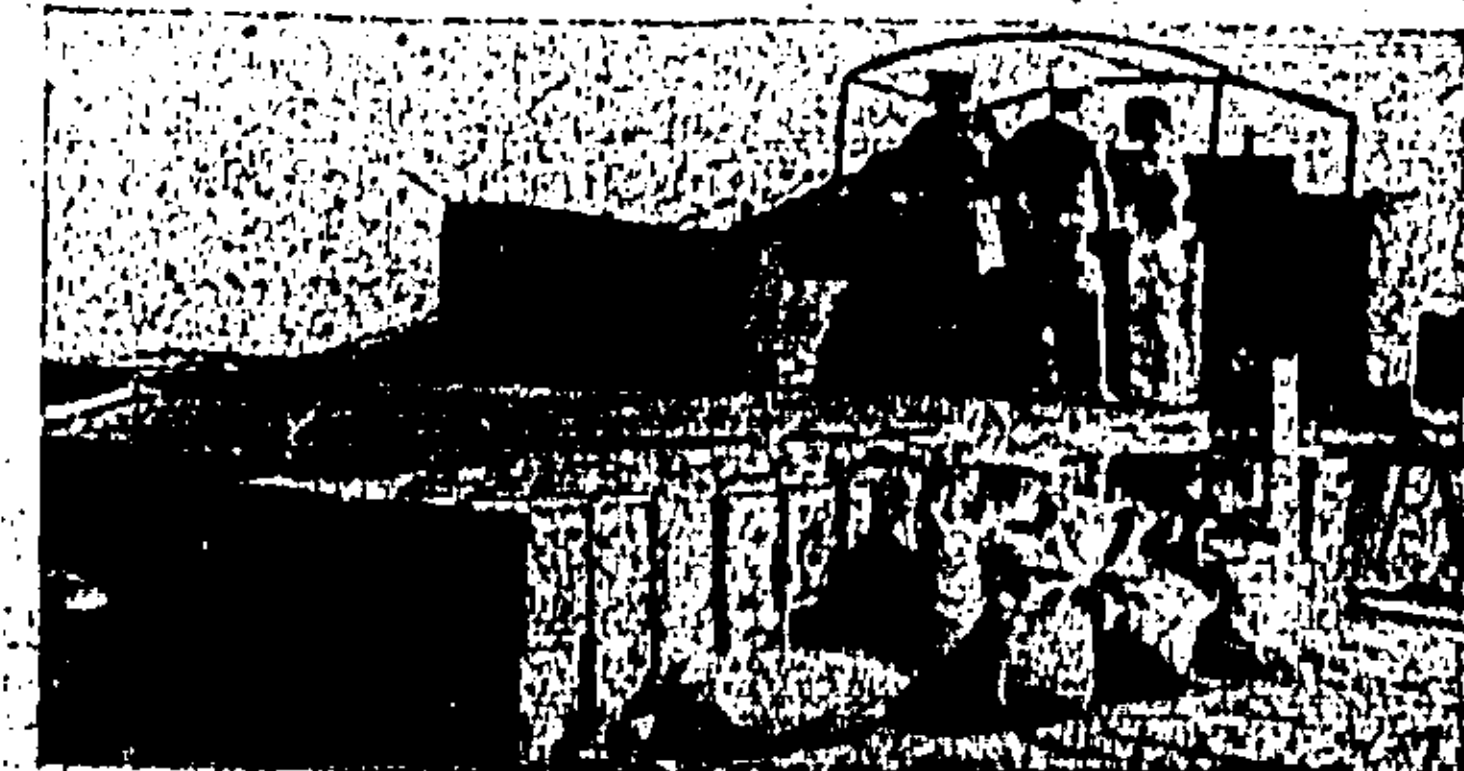
STRIPPED of her arms and emptied of her contraband cargo, the captured motor torpedo boat berthed alongside the Stone Pier, Connaught Road, Central, attracted considerable attention. The craft and some of the 191 bags of salt and 279 tins of kerosene are shown in the picture below.

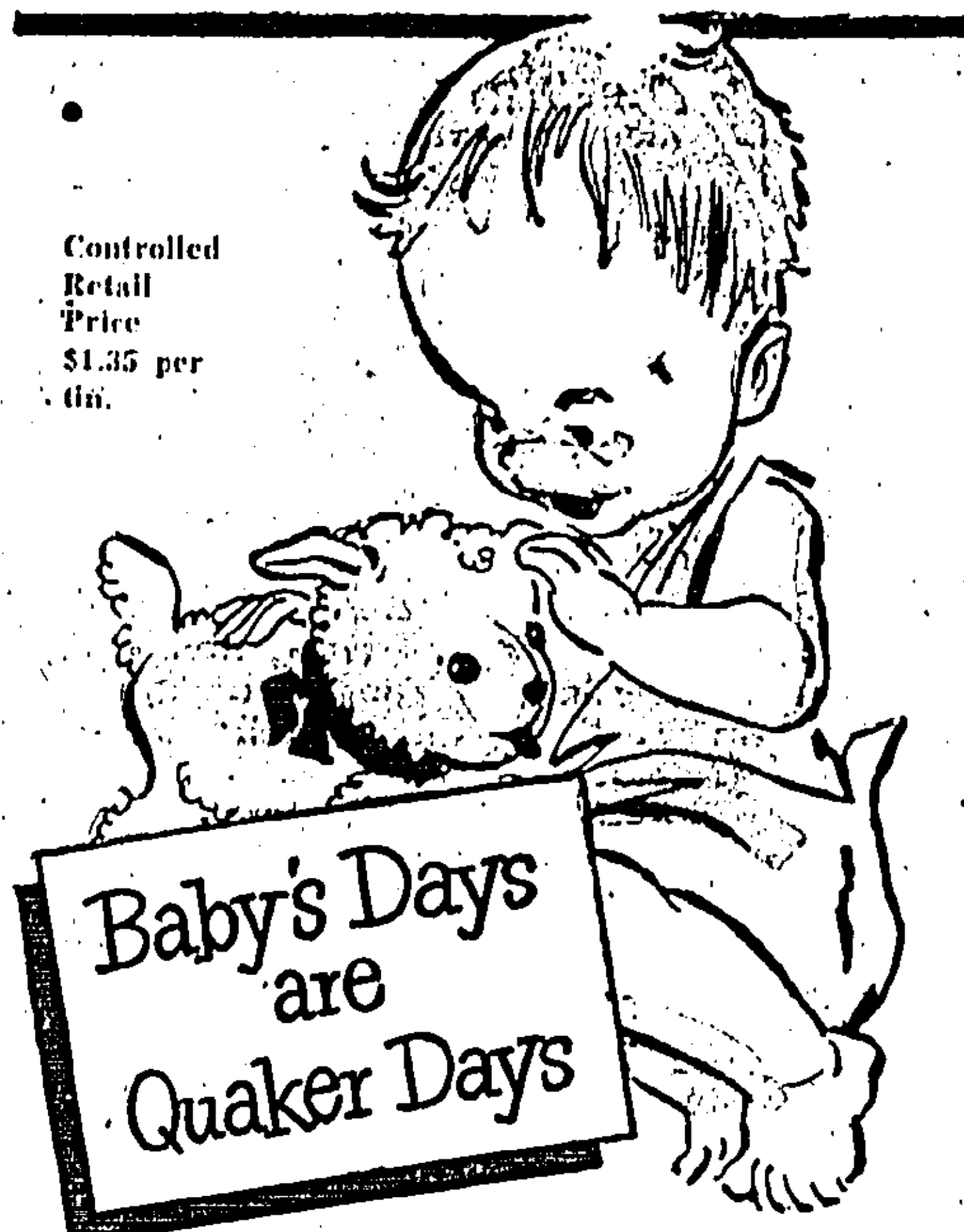


FREIGHTER REFLOATED

San Francisco, August 31. The freighter Arcadia Victory, is aground near Legaspi in the Philippines, American President Lines said today.

There has been no injury to the crew of 46 and the cargo is intact, a spokesman said. The vessel grounded on Monday night in the wake of Typhoon Gertrude and was refloated this morning.—United Press.





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UNQUALIFIED ASSISTANT CROWN SOLICITOR

Correspondence

Action Wanted

Sir.—Three years after the enemy capitulation Hong Kong finds itself prosperous, on the surface. Unquestionably, and unequal distribution have been often heard, so often that it another war comes, loyalty of the Colony's subjects will be less dependable than it was.

The trials and hangings and imprisonments of traitors and war criminals have gratified many who suffered and were tortured. Number one collaborators are however still at the top and highly honoured.

To the Colony's disgrace, an enemy agent is now employed to facilitate those who bought houses with ill-gotten wealth.

Many flats of those who went to internment or imprisonment after December 25, 1941, are still occupied by the enemy's friends who are now protected by law.

And though it is alive and expected to be pardoned any time to help the realisation of his country's sinister schemes, which General MacArthur will approve with his American might.

In Manila, Hongkong and Bangkok those who bought for the allied cause are still proscribed and persecuted.

Comrade Stalin's comrades who did not fight the Japanese seriously until after unleashing of atomic bombs are now claiming all the credit for the victory.

China should have become a democracy and a powerful state after the last war. She is now torn by inflation, corruption, nepotism and civil war. She is the battleground of Fascism and Communism.

As a result Hong Kong becomes an asylum of Anglo-American educated liberals who refuse to believe that a self-appointed dictator can be a democrat.

Unsettled Chinese who have also fled Hong Kong to become a scapegoat of politicians and professional agitators.

Great expectations we had immediately after the Mikado have now become disillusioned.

There is something wrong. Unless remedies are found, content may not be intensified that it is going to be beyond control.

FORGOTTEN MAN

Correction

Sir.—I note that, in recent references so kindly made in your paper to the Hong Kong Residents' Association, the name has been preceded by the word "the" which is incorrect. The correct name of the Association is the Hong Kong Residents' Association, and the initials H.K.R.A. In devising the name of the Association, great care was taken to leave out any reference to Hong Kong, so as to avoid any possible idea that this Association might be connected with either the Hong Kong Hotel or its owners, or that people should think that only Hong Kong and not Kowloon hotels' residents were eligible.

In fact, the Association's meeting at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday September 1 in the Green Room at the Peninsula Hotel, is open to any resident of one month or longer of any European style hotel in Hong Kong, Kowloon or the Territories, and to residents of boarding houses or even rented furnished rooms in the European style. The sole limitation is that only actual members of the Association may vote.

I should be grateful if you could publish this letter in your Thursday issue, in order to clear the air of any misconceptions.

G. A. BRASIER-CRAIGH,
Chairman,
Hotel Residents' Association.

MALAN COMMENTS ON INDIA DISPUTE

Cape Town, August 31. Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Premier, speaking in the Assembly tonight on South Africa's dispute with India, said he was prepared to take a round table conference with India but not on a basis which amounted to a foreign power interfering in South Africa's domestic affairs.—Reuter.

7 SCHOOLS SET UP BY WORKERS' GROUP

In two years seven schools for workers' children have been set up by the Education Advancement Society for the Children of Workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon. In addition, the Society has established a Metal Workers' Night School at Shamshuipo.

This progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Society yesterday on the second anniversary of its foundation. The celebrations were held at Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill.

The Society's report said that the seven schools set up are the Wanchai Workers' Children School, the Tramway Workers' Children School, the Main Street School, the Shaukiwan Workers' Children School, the Mongkok Workers' Children School, the Shamshuipo Workers' Children School, and the Hung Hom School.

At these schools 39 classes—morning and afternoon—are conducted daily by 69 teachers. The number of students taking in-

R.S. Smith Makes Admission In Million Dollar Conspiracy Case ASSOCIATION WITH HK FIRMS

The admission that at the time he was employed as an Assistant Crown Solicitor he was not qualified to practice as a solicitor, was made by Robert Steem Smith at Kowloon yesterday.

Smith, under cross-examination by Mr. P. J. Griffith, further admitted that during his recent trip to Scotland he did not obtain his discharge of articles, although he did tell Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios that he would try to "rectify the position by having the articles discharged".

Yesterday's resumed hearing by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon of the case in which four men were alleged to have conspired to swindle the Hsin Hua Enterprise Co. of China Building of \$1,105,440 was marked by heated exchanges between Mr. Griffith and R. S. Smith.

Defendants were Poon Ping-nam, alias Poon Sin-yu, 51-year-old merchant, Wong Chiu, 50-year-old interpreter of Messrs. J. M. d'Almada Remedios & Co., Cheung Yung, 34 years, describing himself as unemployed, and Cheng Yim-sun, aged 46, who gave his occupation as that of a drug-gist.

The first accused failed to surrender to his bail of \$12,500 when the case was called on August 23. A warrant for his arrest was issued by the magistrate who also ordered the bail to be forfeited.

At the opening of yesterday's proceedings, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector J. Moore of the Special Branch, prosecuted, said that he would like to say in open court that although laying before the court the charge of criminal conspiracy against the accused, the police, after investigations, could find no evidence whatsoever against any of the Bank of East Asia.

Reference By Witness

Mr. Blair-Kerr added that he was referring to the reference, at Tuesday's hearing, to the allegation made by a witness that defendants said that they had in contact in the Bank of East Asia who, for a certain monetary consideration, would delay debiting the drawer's account after the cheque had been cashed.

In cross-examination by Mr. Griffith, representing all three remaining defendants, R. S. Smith said that he was posted to Hong Kong as a sergeant in the Royal Artillery, and was transferred to the Hong Kong Government service as Assistant Crown Solicitor.

He denied having applied for the position and stated that he was transferred from the army to the Colonial Government service.

Questioned as to his qualifications for the post, Smith said that he had studied law in Scotland in the Edinburgh University, and had taken a degree course. He agreed with Mr. Griffith that he was not qualified to be admitted to practice in Scotland.

No Qualifications

At the time he obtained the position with the Hong Kong Government he did not represent to the Crown that he was qualified to practice. He served as Assistant Crown Solicitor with no qualifications, he admitted, but denied that he had ever represented, since leaving the Government, that he was qualified to practice as a solicitor.

Loft Firm

Mr. Griffith: So you left Mr. Smith's where you were drawing \$2,000 a month to join Mr. d'Almada Remedios at \$1,500 a month?

Witness: Yes.

At what stage of your affairs did you become a director of Henderson, Tripp & Co. Ltd.—On November 14, 1947?

Are you still a director?—No. Did you retire as a director at the request of the other directors?—Yes.

Because of certain allegations against you?—No, because we disagreed on policy.

Witness went on to explain that one of the directors came to Hong Kong and said that he was not satisfied with the way the business was run. Mr. Tripp told witness that he would like him to resign and witness did so that very day.

Subsequent Resignation

Pressed on whether his resignation was subsequent to the date that some of the directors consulted defence counsel's firm, witness said that that might well be the case. He denied, however, that it was because he knew what the allegations against him were.

Witness said that he was a shareholder but emphatically denied that he had ever asked K. K. Wong (second accused) to try and raise some money for him on those shares. "The value of the shares was so small that it would be ridiculous to try and raise any money on them," he said.

Asked whether he handed the share scrip to Wong to raise money on, witness exclaimed, "That is nonsense. Wong was not in a position to do so." He heatedly denied that he ever offered the scrip as security to Wong who, he said, saw the car-

riage in his office.

Mr. Griffith: You know that the shares were those of a private company and that the transfer of them was restricted. To offer them as security would be something like obtaining money by false pretences?

Witness: I knew that they were shares of a private company and did not offer them as security.

Offered Aeroplanes

Smith admitted that he offered two aeroplanes to Mr. T. B. Lee and stated that he intended to get the machines from America. Mr. Lee, he said, was desirous of obtaining his high-powered plane and to buy two lighter ones. It was clearly understood that Mr. Lee would not buy the two planes unless he was allowed credit for his high-powered machine as part payment.

Witness went on to say that he made cables inquiries for the planes at various places. Pressed by defence counsel to specify one of the places, Smith said that he cabled to New York, through Marsman's Manila office. The transaction, he said, was as the planes could not be obtained at a figure which would allow of a profit.

He denied having made any attempt to make a claim on the aircraft. Instead he said, he received a bill for the storage of that machine from the Far East Flying School. They billed him because they heard of the transaction. He refused to pay the bill and asked them to forward it to Mr. Lee.

When further questioned about his alleged claim against Mr. Lee, witness exclaimed, "I am on oath, Mr. Griffith. Defence counsel replied, 'I hope you remember it, Mr. Smith.'"

Going To England

Witness said that he left the firm of d'Almada Remedios because he was going to England and not because he was dismissed, and could still be with the firm if he had wanted it.

Mr. Griffith: When are you going to England, Mr. Smith?

Witness: In October or November. That depends on you, Mr. Griffith.

Questioned as to his liabilities, witness said that there was no writ against him, with the exception of one for \$4,000, at the time he asked second defendant for a loan of \$5,000. This loan has now been settled.

Subsequently, there was another one for \$10,000 but it was disputed. These two were the only claims against him, said witness, with the exception of those Mr. Griffith had in his mind in connection with Henderson, Tripp & Co. Ltd.

Smith admitted that there was another claim for \$1,000 for photographic materials supplied made against him through Mr. Griffith's firm.

Settled Yesterday

Referring to the \$4,000 suit, witness said that that was settled yesterday. He paid \$1,500 in cash and pledged his car, at the end of July for \$3,700 by a bill of sale. This bill of sale was settled yesterday.

Mr. Griffith: Do you know a firm known as the United Kingdom Trading Co?

Witness: No.

Witness said that he knew a Mr. Kho but did not have any connections with him. He admitted having given Mr. Kho "certain advice" and to have unsuccessfully tried to obtain connections for him in the United Kingdom. He did not receive any money from Mr. Kho but "I would have done if it had been successful."

Rectify Position

Smith admitted that he told Mr. Remedios that, during his stay in Scotland, he would try to rectify his position by having his articles discharged. He had passed all his examinations, and the discharge of articles was a formal matter and easy to obtain. He was entitled to discharge in 1939 and he had joined the army. He did not get his discharge when he was home.

Witness denied that he told his principals that one of the purposes of his trip was to get his discharge. The purpose of going back in April was to see his father who was seriously ill in Scotland.

The cross-examination of this witness will be continued on September 15.

The next rehearsals for the Hong Kong Light Orchestra, which takes place tomorrow at 2.15, Robinson Road, at 6 p.m., and on Monday at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 8 p.m., which will be the dress rehearsal.

BOAC Steps Up Passenger Air Traffic

During the first six months of the year BOAC carried almost 10,000 more passengers on their long distance services than in the first six months of 1947. The figures are 57,735 for the first half of 1948 as compared to 48,498 in the first six months of the previous year.

An analysis of passenger traffic to and from the United Kingdom shows that inward and outward passengers in the first six months of this year were evenly balanced as a whole.

More people went to Canada, South Africa and Australia than arrived from those countries, while inward traffic from the Middle East, Pakistan, India and the Far East exceeded outward traffic.

Woman Gets Caution On Accident

A traffic accident at the junction of Boundary Street and Yü Chau Street on August 16, in which a boy of five was killed, reached its closing stage at Kowloon yesterday when Kwan Pui-yiu, the woman licensee of the lorry, was discharged with a caution by Mr. J. Wicks.

Defendant, a 38-year-old woman and stated to be the mother of the driver of the lorry at the time of the accident, undertook to compensate the parents of the boy to the extent of \$50.

Kwan, who previously pleaded not guilty to the charge of failing to give information to the police as to the identity of the driver of lorry 6388 on August 16, yesterday changed her plea. She stated that she did not understand the charge before.

Traffic Sub-Inspector W. P. Apps said that the police were inclined to believe defendant when she said that she did not know her son was driving at the material time. She should, however, have given them the name of the regular driver.

At 12.50 p.m. on August 16, lorry 6388 knocked down, and killed, the five-year-old boy while it was travelling along Yü Chau Street from Boundary Street.

The vehicle was later found parked at the tempo garage and defendant was traced through the records at the Traffic Office, Kowloon. Her son was arrested on the following afternoon and denied having run over the body until "SI Apps showed him the bloodstains between the two rear wheels and on the rear mudguard."

He was fined a total of \$750 by Mr. Wicks on August 21 on the charges of dangerous driving.

Admits Theft Of Pump

When arrested by a police constable at Reclamation Street on August 31, Kam Hung, 19-year-old youth, admitted that the grease pump and screw-driver he was carrying were stolen from the Hong On vegetable shop at Waterloo Road.

Charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with larceny and returning from banishment, defendant was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and recommended to be re-banished.

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Personalia

In the absence of Mr. F. X. d'Almada, who is on short leave, Mr. Blair-Kerr has taken over the bench at the Central Magistrates' Court as from yesterday.

Arrivals from Saigon on Tuesday by Air France included Mlle. Middleton, M. Gerlinger, M. Lemaire and M. Lemaire.

Mr. and Mrs. Plaimonson, Mrs. H. Rylott and Mr. V. Mayne left for Shanghai on Tuesday by Air France.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Leopold Gaddi, Manager, Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Ethel Anella Sutherland, Secretary, St. John's Court, MacDonnell Road, has been announced.

Miss Tang Ah Yuk of 36, Lockhart Road, 1st floor, was married to Mr. Frederick Alexander Henry Ross-Cropper, at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry yesterday in the presence of Mr. Frank M. Shaw and Mr. Alexander G. James.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Steele, Messrs. E. M. Park, Irving, Ross, E. Bellamy-Brown, W. E. Hargrave, and C. T. Tang left the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. D. S. G. Patric, Mrs. V. Campos, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Metello, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stralford, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. W. Hellmuth, Mrs. E. Sturges, Messrs. J. Richter, G. Gries, Allan, P. Klein, F. Koch, and M. Mann.

Among passengers leaving in the ss. Carthage tomorrow is Mr. T. Y. Lo, the well-known Chinese film producer and former Executive Director of China Film Studios.

Mr. Lo is to study the British film industry as guest of the British Council, and has also been invited by the French Government to visit French studios.

Mr. Lo, who is accompanied by his wife, the screen star, Miss Lily Lee, was awarded the Medal of Freedom by the United States for wartime services.

A cocktail party will be given by the Lingnam Alumni Association of Hong Kong today at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 8.30 p.m.

The function has been arranged to greet Dr. S. C. Ching, President of Lingnam University, Canton.

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WAGE-PRICE CONTROVERSY WHIPPING UP WAR FEVER IN DELHI

Engineers' Application For Increase STABILISATION POLICY

London, August 31.

Political observers said tonight that they wondered whether the Labour Government has torpedoed its own wage stabilisation policy.

The Government has agreed to raise substantially the wages of nearly 70,000 engineers in its employ.

The award has been offered and accepted by the unions, while the country awaits the decision of the Labour Ministry's court of enquiry into an application of the 2,500,000 engineers in private industry for similar increases which were refused by them, employers, who said that they would cost £50,000,000 annually.

The stabilisation policy announced in February was designed to halt further general increases in personal incomes as part of the economic recovery drive.

Ministers have warned that if the increases continued, inflation would develop, prices would rise and the export drive will be endangered.

The policy has resulted in a check of wage increases so far. The index of weekly wage rates at the end of July stood at 108 compared with 105 at the end of May, 104 in February and 100 in June, 1947.

Prices Up

The Government came under criticism of the unions and others who said it had failed to impose a similar check on living costs. The index of retail prices in June stood at 110, two points above May and 10 above the base figure for June, 1947.

When the policy was announced, the Government left a loophole that wage increases could be granted in specific cases where good reasons were set forth.

The London Times, however, said that in the past the Government has tended to follow private industry's lead on wage increases. "For them (the Government) to take the initiative in granting increases is a novelty for which no doubt special circumstances are responsible," the Times added.

The Government's decision on its own engineers will give

heart to the spokesmen for the millions of other workers who have protested that their wages have not kept pace with living costs.

T.U.C. Debate

Unions representing shipbuilders, railwaymen, farm workers, tobacco workers, shop assistants, and servants and nurses all think that their wages have been stabilised at levels too low. They will argue that what can be done for Government engineers can be done for them.

The whole question of wage readjustments and national interest will be debated at the Trades Union Congress Assembly at Margate next week. If the Government is unable to show its engineers were a special case and that living costs will be held under steady control, the whole policy will be in danger because the support of the trades unions is considered essential to its success.—Reuter.

Rumanian Catholics

Bucharest, August 31. The Catholic Archbishop of Rumania today denied that the Rumanian Government has taken action to expel non-native Catholic clergy from Rumania.

No such general measure has been taken and no cases are known, except one or two isolated reports at the Rumanian-Albanian frontier, the Archbishop told the Associated Press.

In those areas some Catholic priests of Hungarian nationality had difficulties in renewing their permits to stay but experienced no trouble on religious grounds. In some instances, Catholic priests and sisters at Convent schools were told that if they were foreigners they were free to leave if they wanted to. But neither the priests nor sisters had been forcibly expelled.

Circles close to the Apostolic Nunciature confirmed the Archbishop's denial.—Associated Press.

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Atom Experts To Meet

London, August 31. Representatives of the Atomic Energy Organisation of Britain, the United States and Canada will meet at the British Atomic Energy Research Station in Harwell, Berkshire, between September 6 and 9, the Ministry of Supply announced today.

The purpose of the meeting is to reconsider the boundary between the work about which information may be released without endangering national security, and the information which must remain restricted in circulation.—Reuter.

Photos Confiscated

New Delhi, August 31.

The New Delhi police today seized from three American Time and Life men undeveloped rolls of film with rare close-ups of the camera-shy Nizam of Hyderabad.

Robert Lubar, Time correspondent, said: "Lubar said CID officials, with a warrant from the Chief Magistrate, took possession of a packet containing films of the Nizam. Earlier, the correspondents had tried to mail the pictures through the Customs, but Customs officials refused to accept it."

Police and Customs officials have shown unusual sensitivity to travellers and material from the currently explosive state.—United Press.

Hollywood Counter-Attacks

London, August 31. United States cinema producers will counter Britain's new film import quota law with an all-American unit programme rule effective on October 1.

The rule, announced today by Eric Johnson, President of the Motion Picture Association of America, will require that British exhibitors who desire to use an American picture as the top feature on a twin bill must also use an American made film for the second feature.

The British quota, also effective on October 1, will require British exhibitors to devote 45 per cent of their first feature time and 25 per cent of their second feature time to British made films.—Associated Press.

Düsseldorf, August 31.

The Economic Council in Frankfurt told the State Government today that the Allies have suspended the dismantling of 34 plants producing urgently needed mining materials in the British Zone State of North Rhine-Westphalia.—Reuter.

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Now Delhi, August 31. The Home Minister, Sardar V. Patel, told a cheering Parliament today that India is considering what to do about Hyderabad.

He said action will be taken "before the patience of the members of Parliament is exhausted."

The Home Minister said that Hyderabad's appeal to the United Nations last Tuesday was "undoubtedly one of many breaches of the standstill agreement with India."

Hyderabad, a Princely state in the centre of India, is ruled by the Nizam, a Hindu, who is a member of the Council to settle its dispute with India. India has maintained that Hyderabad is not a sovereign state and has no legal right to complain to the U.N. The Council adjourned on Monday until it meets in Paris next month, without acting.

Mr. Patel said the government of India does not propose to take action against Hyderabad's "unilateral breaches (of the agreement) but against collective breaches." He said the action to be taken is "under the active consideration of the government of India."

He added that "India cannot afford to look with folded hands at utter lawlessness right in her belly."

The British High Commissioner's office will attempt to fly Americans, Poles, Czechs and Britons from Hyderabad if India resorts to force against the hold-out states, a spokesman said. He estimated there are 300 British, Australian and Canadian citizens in Hyderabad. The United States Embassy said there are approximately 50 Americans there, mostly missionaries.—Associated Press.

Damascus, August 31. The Syrian Government has exempted from customs duties all goods from abroad destined for the relief of Palestinian Arab refugees, the Associated Press was told today by a spokesman of General A. Landström, chief of staff to Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator for Palestine.—Associated Press.

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STEVEN—At Kowloon Hospital on August 31, 1948, to Joan, wife of Alexander Steven of Medical Department, a daughter.

MULLEN—At Queen Mary Hospital on August 31, 1948, to Susan, wife of A. Mullen, a daughter. Both well.

BERLIN EASIER

The more comfortable trend of developments in the Berlin crisis—the renewal of direct discussions in Berlin with a view to restoration of four-power control and the optimistic tone of reports from Moscow—lends fresh support to those who in spite of the 'scare' of recent weeks have never taken the danger of war seriously.

Chief reason for disbelief in the bogey has been the change in the strategic position of the USSR. It was one thing for Russia to contemplate the possibility of war when Moscow could count on the military support of the Yugoslav and Czech armies. It became quite another when the reliability of those armies to Russia was thrown into question. None of this means that war has not been a danger over the past few weeks. It continues to be a danger, and in one sense the danger might be increased by the changes in the basic international situations which should have the reverse tendency. A country which has been strong and suddenly discovers its strength ebbing away can become panicky.

It has been a considered factor in all western calculations these days that Moscow might be more willing to take risks just now than it would have two or three months ago. An ebbing of strength produces sensitivity and could cause desperation. It has been obvious in the protracted Berlin crisis that the utmost care has been exercised to avoid any step which might have the effect of giving the Russians that sense of desperation. The policy planners had no intention of giving Moscow a feeling that it was being pushed into a corner.

But so long as western diplomacy is thus successful, Moscow will have increasing reasons for refraining from war, which are inherent in the changes taking place in the Russian sphere of influence.

For one thing, the Yugoslav Army is no longer regarded as a reliable Russian ally in case of war. It is a big army as Balkan armies go—by far the best in any of the satellite zone. At the present moment, Yugoslav foreign policy is making a great show of being as loyal as ever to Moscow. But behind the show is the fact that Yugoslavia is no longer controlled directly by Moscow guiding strings. It is not axiomatic that the Yugoslav Army would march if the Red Army did. There is increasing reason to think that Belgrade would be inclined, in case of war, to maintain some variant of neutrality, perhaps something like the "non-belligerence" practised by Franco-Spain during the last war.

The Czech Army is also being deleted from estimates of the Russian order of battle. The Czech Government is undoubtedly under tight Moscow reins. But the number of officer defections from the Czech ranks since the February purge make it

Calculated in terms of calories the Briton's diet may be adequate, but it is certainly dull. To improve it, the main needs are more meat, poultry, bacon, eggs and butter. These are precisely the foods which Eire can export. Because of faults on both sides of the Channel, exports are far less than they should be. Equally no source could be so rapidly developed to supply our needs at no dollar cost, and to the immense benefit of both countries.

Agriculturally Eire is today in a condition of serious decline. If this language seems strong it is no stronger than that used by Mr. Dillon, the new and vigorous Minister of Agriculture. He said, "has reached a degree of degradation lower than had been known for a hundred years."

Then And Now
Statistics confirm Mr. Dillon's words. The production in the exportable surplus since 1938 is even more marked than in total production, and, as the following figures show, the decline in exports to the United Kingdom is almost startling.

EXPORTS FROM EIRE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

	1938	1947
Cattle, Lean	470,080	330,397
Cattle, Fat No.	141,440	51,915
Fat sheep and lambs No.	291,570	5,503
Mutton and Lamb Cwt.	23,978	Nil
Poultry, live No.	615,140	78,274
Poultry, dead Cwt.	101,753	122,012
Eggs Gt. Huns-dreds	2,232,221	1,311,272
Bacon and Ham Cwt.	584,632	Nil
Butter Cwt.	285,622	Nil

1938 exports from Eire our condition would be a great deal better. The 1938 figures are, however, very far below the Irish potential. Mr. Dillon has declared his belief "that in the course of the next five years we can confidently look forward to an expansion in the volume of output which will represent at least twenty-five per cent. of our existing volume, and a consequential increase of close on one hundred per cent. in the volume of our exports." Remarkable though such a development would be, Mr. Dillon's estimate both in time and quantity is conservative.

Roots Of Trouble

The roots of the trouble lie deep. The war certainly contributed materially to the decline of Irish agriculture. Supplies of feeding stuffs, fertilisers and farm machinery were seriously hindered. The decline cannot, however, be attributed to so recent a cause. The basic cause is traced back over the centuries, but to go back further than 1922, the economic consequences of the Treaty were wholly bad in that two essentially complementary economies—one mainly agricultural, the other mainly industrial—were

reasonably doubtful that the Czech Army is at this time an effective fighting weapon for Russia. It would have to be reorganised from the bottom up to become such an effective weapon. Current estimates are that if war were to come this autumn, more Czech soldiers would desert to the western allies than would fight with the Red Army. In other words, here is a second satellite army which is not a reliable element.

Less is known about the Polish Army. It may be that by this time a fairly reliable Communist officer corps has been trained. But it is to be doubted that the ranks in the Polish Army would fight either willingly or effectively against western armies.

Further, there is increasing evidence that Yugoslavia is not the only Iron Curtain country where ideological disagreement has hobbled the efficiency of Communist control. "The Party" is believed to be split in Hungary and Czechoslovakia between the "Old Communists"—men like Prime Minister Gottwald and Foreign Minister Klementis—and the "Young Communists"—a new crop of tougher young men who are just now emerging in the upper levels. It will not be considered surprising if within the next few months there are extensive purges of the "Old Communists" in these two countries. Such purges might make for stronger and more effective Communist control in future years. But they hardly make the satellites into effective allies for the Russians if war were to come at this time.

JOHN STRACHEY'S OTHER ISLAND

By The Rt. Hon. WILLIAM MABANE

divorced. Had war made worse by the policy pursued by successive Eire Governments of building up an economic secondary industries behind a tariff. During the same period it remained the cheapest market for food in the world. Imports from the Argentine or Uruguay, bacon from Denmark or Holland, eggs from Denmark, Holland and Poland, poultry from Hungary or Yugoslavia—regardless of the fact that war would cut off such supplies or make their procurement difficult, risky and costly. As a result, Eire had no security in the only market of any practical consequence, and, with no certainty of remunerative sale for its products, the Eire farmer lacked incentive to develop. Beyond that the farmer, exposed to the chilly blasts of the world market, looked on Irish imports with no friendly eye. If that were not enough, the recurrent political conflicts did not predispose the Government of either country to economic co-operation.

New Outlook

Since the war has not been, as there should have been, a completely new orientation of outlook. A new Government in Eire provides the possibility of a new start. In Mr. Dillon's far-sighted declaration of agricultural policy a new spirit of realism breathes. It remains for him to translate words into deeds, but he cannot do it alone. He needs the co-operation of the Government of the United Kingdom in providing a market that is reasonably secure.

The recent trade agreement breaks no new ground. It is concerned mainly with the prices and conditions of sale of existing production. It embodies no specific plan for increasing quantity, nor any long-term plan of development. Yet were the agreement widened in its conception, the return would be far greater and more immediate than from the ground-nuts scheme in East Africa, or from the bacon scheme in Queensland.

Wider Conception

That wider conception would require an agreement linking price with quantity and setting targets for the Irish producers

to achieve, with attractive prices as the reward. It would include long-term guarantees. The Eire farmer, no less than the home farmer, cannot be expected to take the risk of increasing his production substantially if he lives in fear of losing markets or of unremunerative prices. In return we should require satisfactory assurances that the dole-science of Eire farming should be made good. The deplorably low productivity of the land of which Mr. Dillon speaks can be made good only with drainage, fertilisers, feeding stuffs and farm machinery. We should undertake to divert the necessary supplies.

In Eire holdings are small and the output of the peasant farmer can be effectively brought into commerce only by the widespread development of producer co-operatives. There are already some co-operatives, some bacon factories, but by no means enough. Again, we should require assurances that a complete and coherent marketing organisation would be created, and, perhaps no less important, that effective steps would be taken to remove suspicion of large-scale and inefficient farming methods.

The Real Solution

There is another obstacle to overcome. Our own Ministry of Agriculture, under some terror from the National Farmers' Union, are, if not hostile, no better than non-belligerent—an attitude based on memories of the bad old days when our own farmers were the orphans of the economic storm. Today, surely, the fear that those times will return is groundless.

Old political quarrels between Eire and the United Kingdom are in some danger of being revived. Many of these quarrels originated in economic distress. Their solution is more likely to be found through the economic prosperity of the Irish farmer—a prosperity which he can recognise as dependent on full co-operation with the United Kingdom. The strategic shifts of the post-war period and the changed direction of the flow of agricultural production open a new opportunity to draw Eire and the United Kingdom closer together.

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AN ANGLE ON PALESTINE

The Palestine war is an all-British affair with both Arabs and Jews using British supplies, military procedure and anti-British slogans.

The Israel capital is still plastered with prowar posters urging the Jews to kick out the "British invaders." Arab demonstrations in Transjordan and Egypt are led by zealots demanding the same thing in Arabic. The police who control the Arab demonstrations wear English made uniforms, received British training and operate on an organisational pattern identical to that used throughout England.

The trucks—pardon me, lorries—carrying supplies for both Arabs and Jews are mostly English made. Even the American equipment, particularly the jeeps, came into Arab and Jewish hands

guns have replied to British gunfire with the best Midlands manufactured ammunition on the fighting fronts.

Rookies drilling in Iraq and Israel receive the same training from sergeants instructing them in the arts of war that has descended directly from Sandhurst. A richer vocabulary, however, enables a Bedouin nomad to express his contempt for the former civilian with far greater beauty and emphasis than an Englishman or a Jew.

Back-Passing

The back-passing and paper-work have been incorporated into both Arab and Jewish units without the slightest loss of efficiency. Quartermasters on both sides require the same number of multiple forms before releasing equipment, reports are weighed, baled and filed away in Tel Aviv, Cairo and London with the same loving care, and both sides employ proportionate numbers of clerks (pronounced clerks) seeking array plasters and violations of rules.

By ROBERT C. MILLER

through British middlemen. The British-trained Arab Legion purchased its American equipment with its sterling, while the Jews bought up quantities of motorised equipment from the British at surplus property sales held in Palestine prior to the evacuation.

"Only Two"

Former British citizens are directing military operations on both sides. The British Government's statement that "only two" British army officers were directing Arab Legion activities in Palestine was correct. The dozens of others were in subordinate positions. A House of Commons inquiry concerning the British officers with the Hagannah would have been equally embarrassing as the vast majority of Israel's officers are also former members of the British Army. Admittedly they are all of the Hebrew faith, but their Palestinian passports issued by the British Government differ only slightly from those carried by their Christian brethren leading the Arabs.

The only thing that looks more British than a British MP is Hagannah MP, even including the mannerisms and behaviour. Except for the kullis and slightly less Anglo-Saxon physical characteristics, Transjordan's military police are just other peas in the pod.

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But even the British have not convinced the Arabs that there is a place in the army for women. Except for a few nurses and relief organisations composed largely of Christian Arabs, Moslem women have been rejected from the war. The Jews, however, have even improved upon the British WAAPS. WRENS and other auxiliary forces. No Englishman would consider it gentlemanly to allow a girl into a battle which is still considered a man's domain. In Israel sex is unknown in war and women serve equally as telephone operators and machine-gunners. The Hagannah infantry has just as many feminine foot-sluggers proportionately as the paymaster's office, and the leader "man" on a machine-gun is more than likely to be a bobby soxer.

Not In The Manual

Treatment of these Amazons by the Arabs has created a blots unnamed in any British war manual. Legion Colonel Abdullah Bey al-Tel released all women captured in the Old City, knowing full well that most of them were fighters. When criticised for his action the Arab commander threw up his hands. "I know they belong to the Hagannah," he replied, "but what could we do? It's better to send them home than to try to treat them as prisoners of war. Why, inside of a month they would become such a nuisance most of our time would be spent pacifying them. I know, I am a married man."—United Press.

Long Way For "Rats" Reunion

London, August 31. Major T. C. Rogerson, ex-catering adviser to the 13th Corps (formerly the 7th Armoured Division) and the original "Desert fleas" will advance and retire nearly 1,400 miles within two or three days just for dinner.

Coming from Aun for the first reunion of the Corps headquarters officers at the Connaught Rooms, London, on September 23, he will be the most distant of the 300 attending. He has set up his own import-export business in Milan and lives at Via Appiani with his Italian wife, whom he met during the Italian campaign.—Reuter.

John Drummond Reports On The US Scene

New York's sinister house on 61st Street now has a constant stream of the Good-named cops have been on the alert night and day since Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina's crumpled body landed in the courtyard of the Russian Consulate there with a bullet wound that was heard around the world.

Severals of trouble-makers, crackpots included, have quietly been steered away from the possibility of another, if more minor, international incident. Most of them seemed to want to dump something or other at the Russian doorstep.

For five days the scene has been like that near No. 10 Downing-street during a Cabinet crisis. Movie cameras mounted on trucks impeded the arrival and departure of the official black cabs affected by the Russians and driven by square-headed silent men with shavvy-brush haircuts.

Police Guard

The crowds grew and dwindled according to the hour and the latest newspaper headlines. One of the biggest saw a shirt-sleeved individual stand firmly in front of the building and let loose a flow of invective in a rich Irish brogue which drew grins of admiration from parked cars. Drivers no mean men with a cursory word through the window and the crowd melted away.

Another visitor managed to shout something about Jan Karsky in French and Mrs. Kosenkina in Russian. The woman who was going to be next? His departure was more hurried. Comments in cinemas at the showing of the "freedom leap" from the "House of the Shadows" in which unidentified Russians dragged the moaning woman in—doors.

When the Russian woman doctor tried vainly to push her way into the ambulance a woman seated behind me last night blessed as they did in the old-time melodrama.

"See what's in her little black bag," she said, "stand firmly on the screen, just as the children at the matinees once shouted 'Mind your back, mother, when the villain appeared behind the unsuspecting copy hero!' I checked with perfect timing the world's had never heard about two weeks ago. President Truman more than a handful of votes in the November elections. Her dramatic decision was taken right after the President's pool-pooling the nation's of 1948.

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the Communist situation here, and denounced the current Congressional inquiries for the second time as red herrings. He erred in bad company! Several correspondents from London are going about with red—if you'll pardon the word—faces after bitterly wangling the testimony given in Washington as factious rubbish.

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TITO GIRDING FOR FRAY

Belgrade, August 31. Today's reshuffle of the Yugoslav Cabinet, with the promotion of the two Ministers recently denounced by the Cominform, was regarded by observers as a tightening of the ranks around Marshal Tito.

The promotions were for: M. Eduard Kardelj, the Vice-Premier, who replaces M. Stanoye Simitch, the only non-Communist Minister in the Cabinet, as Foreign Minister; and General Alexander Rankovitch, Minister of the Interior, who received the additional office of Vice-Premier.

M. Simitch was appointed Minister without portfolio. M. Kardelj relinquishes the chairmanship of the Central Federal Economic and Political Control Commission.

A new Ministry of Science and Culture will replace the Federal Commission for Arts and Sciences.

Other posts were filled as follows: M. Blagoje Nechkosich, President of the Federal Control Commission and Vice-Premier; M. Svetozar Vukobratovich, Minister of Mining.

M. Radoljub Tichonkovich, Minister of Culture and Science; M. Minko Todorovich, Minister of Agriculture (replacing M. Petar Stambolich).

M. Bane Andrejew, Minister and President of the Government Commission for Water Economy.

M. Pawle Gregoritch, Minister and President of the State Commission for Public Health.—Reuter.

Earless Ones Would Be Bad

Shanghai, September 1. Death penalties and the cutting off of ears for violators of the Government's new economic decrees was recommended to the Shanghai City Council.

A citizen of Pootung, across the River Whangpoo from the Shanghai Bund, petitioned the Council for drastic measures to "put teeth into" the present economic reforms. He recommended the death penalty for the worst offenders and the cutting off of ears for "light cases."

"Then the public will be able to recognise the bad people," the petitioner wrote.

Captain S. C. Cheng, Economic Police Chief in Shanghai, told a reporter that violators of the decrees may be liable to punishment ranging from seven years' imprisonment to the death penalty. Minor offenders will receive three days' imprisonment, he said.—Associated Press.

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Berlin, August 31. They talked for 65 minutes and parted in good humour. "There will be further meetings," a British official statement revealed.

An American announcement said that the four Military Governors will meet again tomorrow in the Allied Control Authority building.

American circles quoted by the German news agency, DPA, said that the four generals would resume functioning as the Allied Control Council from today—restoring the four-power rule over Berlin which was broken by the Soviet walk-out of March 20.

General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, when asked whether the meeting had been amicable, said: "That depends on what you mean by amicable."

American police guards lined the corridors and were posted at the entrances of the building. An American officer had orders to prepare dinner for the Governors, their Deputies and their technical advisers.

When the meeting had been in progress half an hour, an American major standing in the corridor outside invited two Russian officers into the canteen. He bought them a whisky each. Then they sat talking and laughing and clapping one another on the back.

General Cheerful

An American photographer who attempted to snap the scene was requested by the major not to do so in case it would embarrass the Russians.

General Pierre Koenig, the French Military Governor, was the first to arrive at 4.50 p.m. He smiled as he came up the stairs and waved his cane at the assembled correspondents.

General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, and Marshal Vassili Sokolovskiy (Russia) arrived simultaneously at 4.55 p.m. General Clay arrived at one minute to five.

General Koenig was closely followed by General George F. Hays, the United States Deputy Military Governor. Financial experts accompanied the Governors.

A few minutes before the meeting was due to begin, it was confirmed that the four Governors would confer in the main conference room, where the Allied Control Council used to meet before Marshal Sokolovskiy's walk-out on March 20 ended their regular deliberations.

Marshal Sokolovskiy was the first of the four Governors to leave the Conference room. He

Drastic Cuts In Australia

Canberra, August 31. Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, today announced new drastic petrol cuts of 20 per cent for private motorists and ten per cent for other users, as from October.

Mr. Chifley said that Australian stocks, down to 40 per cent of the pre-war level, had to be conserved for defence. Not only the dollar, but the world supply position was becoming "increasingly difficult."—Reuter.

SOVIET REPORT DENIED

Berlin, August 31. A British official statement tonight categorically denied a report in the official Soviet newspaper, Tagliche Rundschau, that Major Lebedev, the Russian control officer of Berlin Radio, was "abducted by the British Intelligence Service."

Major Lebedev was detained by the British military police on August 23 and released the next day.

The British statement tonight said Major Lebedev was arrested because his car was exceeding the speed limit and narrowly missed colliding with a lorry and because he refused to produce his papers to the British military police and showered abuse at them.

Tagliche Rundschau accused the British Intelligence Service of trying to kidnap Major Lebedev and "win him with alcohol for their purposes."—Reuter.

LIFE GUARDS AT WINDSOR

Windsor, August 31. Because of the withdrawal from Windsor Castle duty of the Grenadier Guards, who are going to Malaya next week, Life Guards took over guard mounting duties at the Castle today.

This is the first time for many years that troops of the Household Cavalry have provided Windsor Castle guards.—Reuter.

meetings being regarded as such.

The Soviet "blockade" began when the Western powers introduced their new German currency into the capital, in the heart of the Soviet occupied zone. The Russians have argued that the move endangered the economic structure of their zone. Berlin now has two forms of currency—Western marks and Eastern marks.—Reuter.

STALIN'S SUCCESSOR DIES IN MOSCOW

London, August 31. Moscow Radio reported tonight that Colonel General Andrei Alexandrovich Zhdanov had died. General Zhdanov, 51-year-old Secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party was sometimes termed the "logical successor" to Marshal Stalin.

He was one of the prime movers in the foundation of the nine-nation Cominform last year.

He was Marshal Stalin's closest co-worker and recognised as the most forthright member of the Russian Politburo. Trained as a master planner of Russia's foreign policy, he had been picked by Marshal Stalin to expound the party policy at marked critical moments.

His association with the Cominform set up at Belgrade in September 1947, was a natural sequence to his previous job as



ANDREI ZHDANOV

a member of the Central Committee of the original Communist International (the Comintern) until its dissolution.

As chief defender of Leninism during the war, he roused the people to withstand the German siege. He became head of the Allied Control Commission for Finland and was a signatory of the Finnish treaty.

Son Of Party
Moscow Radio broadcast an announcement from the Central Committee of the Communist

Party of the Soviet Union and the USSR Council of Ministers, which said:

"The death of Comrade Andrei Alexandrovich Zhdanov, a faithful son of the party of Lenin and Stalin, who devoted all his life to serving the great cause of Communism, is a very great loss for the party and the whole Soviet people."

"In the person of Comrade Zhdanov the party has lost an outstanding Marxist theoretician, a very gifted propagandist of the great ideas of Lenin and Stalin, one of the most prominent constructors of the party and the Soviet State."

Born on February 2, 1896, the son of a school inspector, Zhdanov joined the Communist Party when he was only 19 and set out to spread Bolshevik propaganda among the Russian soldiers at the front.

Powerful Influence

He became Secretary of the Leningrad Communist Party. In 1928, he was promoted Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Soviet Congress, where he created a new Bureau of Propaganda.

Although he occupied many posts in the Communist Party set-up and was regarded as a powerful influence behind the scenes, his public appearances and speeches were infrequent.

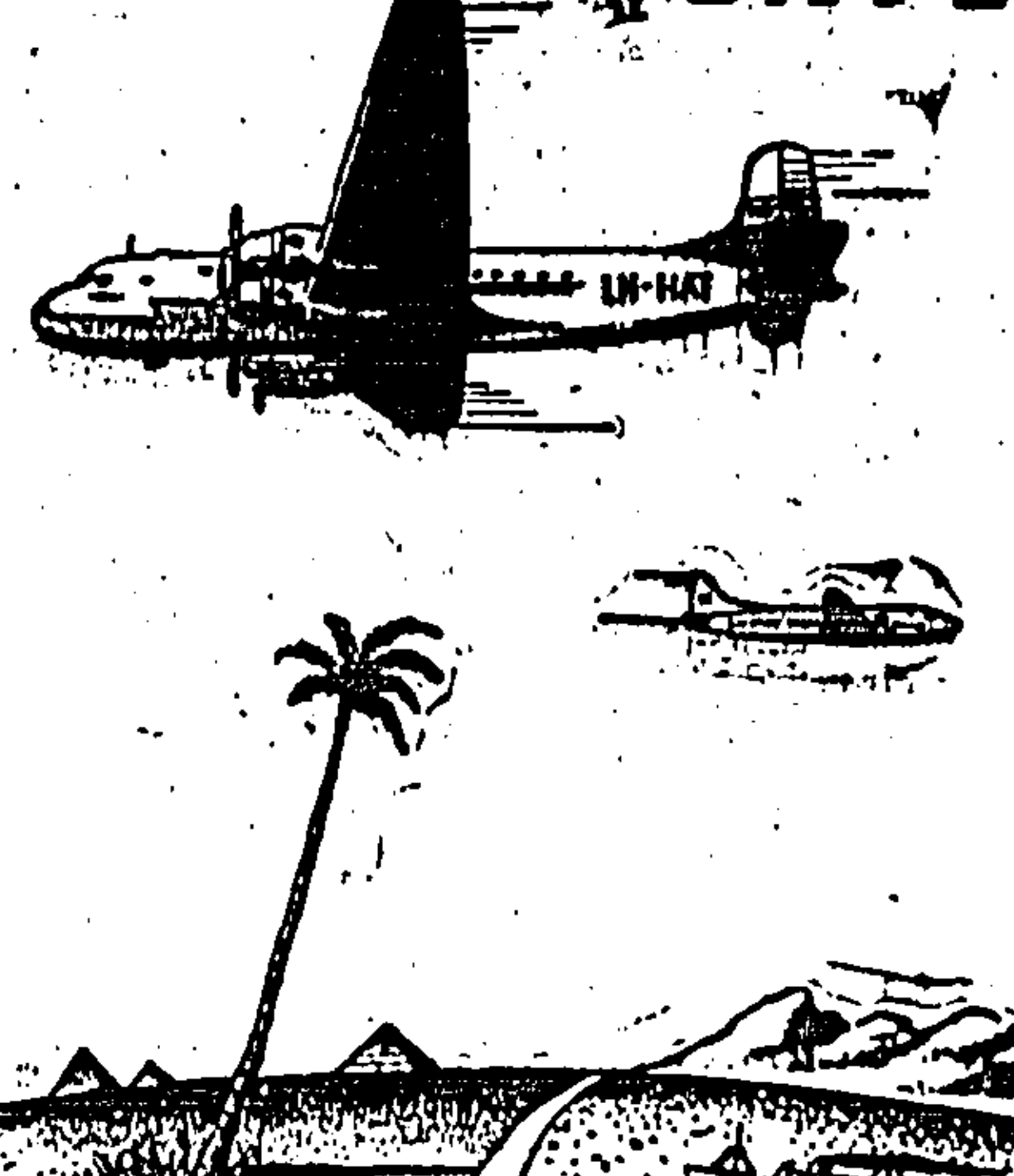
General Zhdanov's funeral will take place in the Red Square in Moscow on Thursday and he will be buried at the foot of the Kremlin Wall.—Reuter.

NAPLES ROUND-UP

Naples, August 31. One hundred people have been detained in Naples by the police after a search for hidden arms, in which large quantities of bombs, explosives and petrol were discovered.

Six hundred police made the search during the last 48 hours. Altogether they detained 1,000 persons, but 900 were released after questioning.—Reuter.

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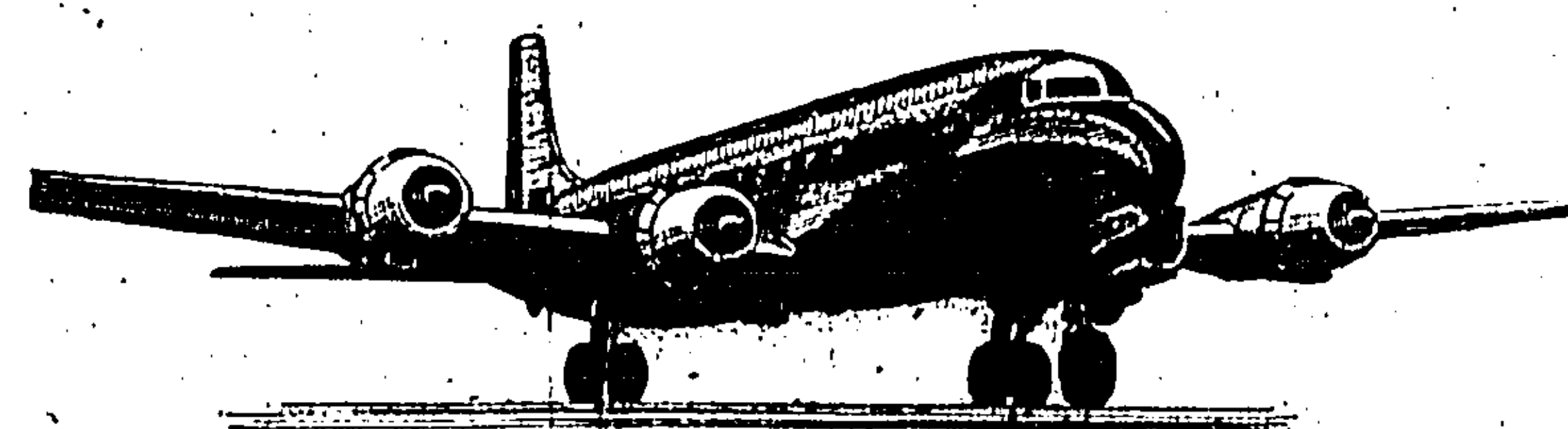
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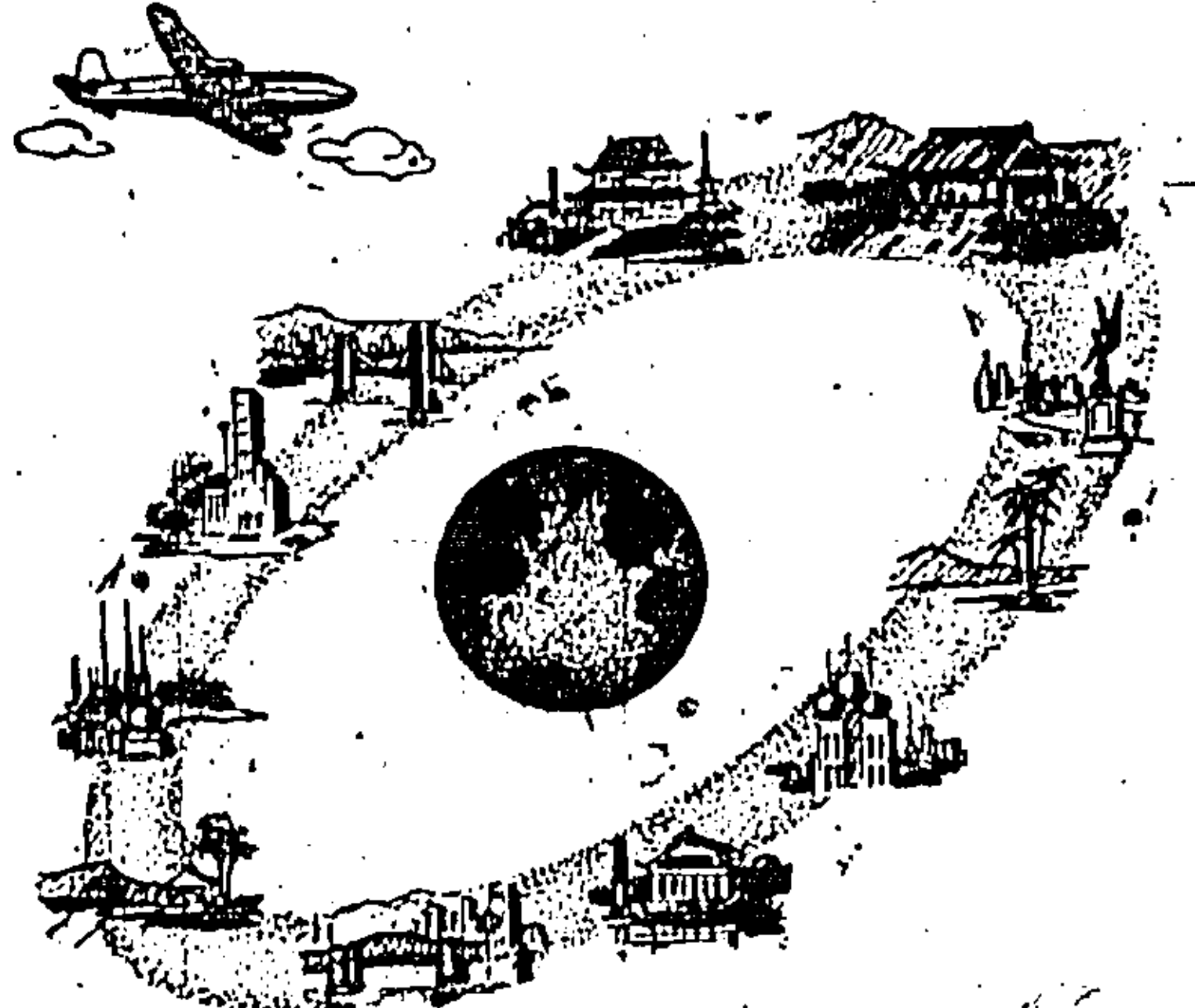
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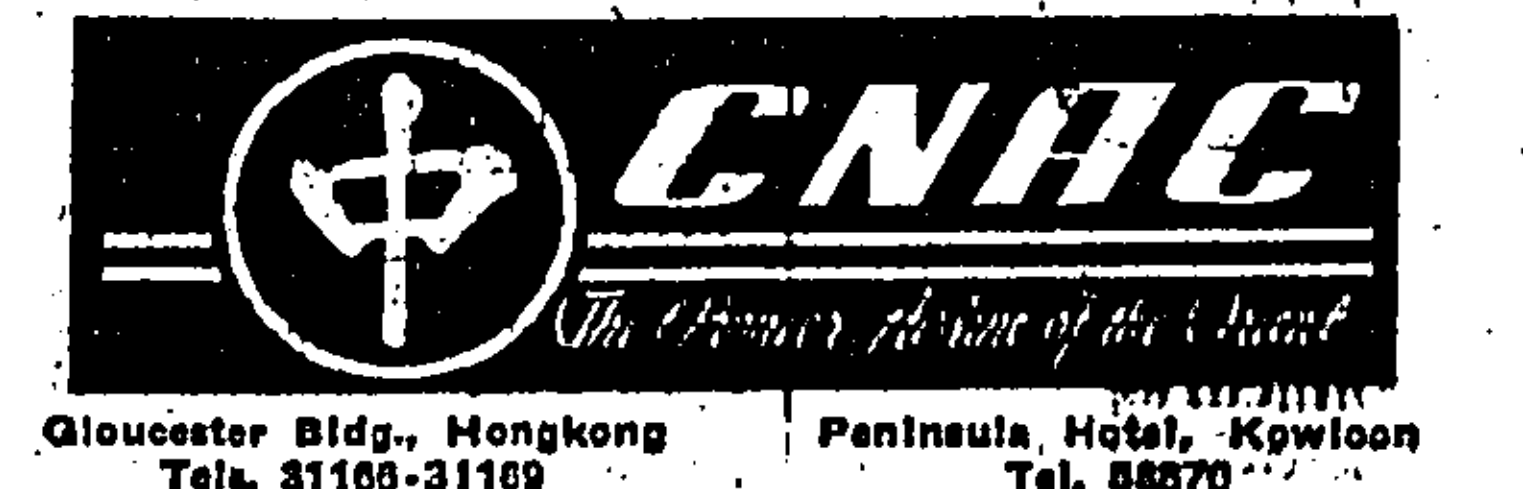
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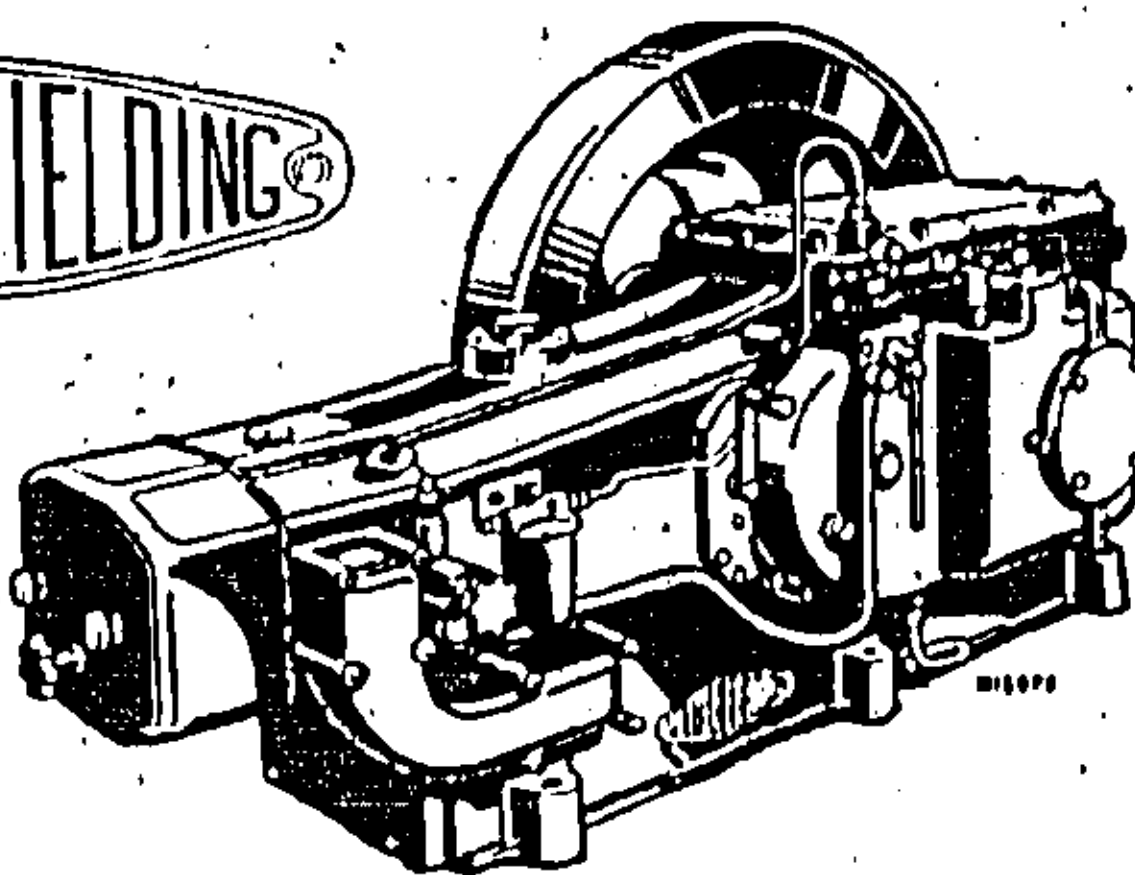
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HIGH SENSITIVITY IN NEW TESTING MACHINES

The term "testing machines" comprises all devices for testing the features of raw and semi-finished materials as well as finished products prior to and after the manufacturing process. Testing machines are, therefore, mainly employed in laboratories for testing and developing of raw materials as well as in a variety of industries for the continuous control of the incoming materials as well as semi-finished and finished products. There is hardly any material which cannot be tested by mechanical testing machines. Science and practical engineering have long come to the conclusion that testing machines are of vital importance for technical development.

The Essentials

A good testing machine must not only be accurately calibrated but must also be designed and constructed in such a manner that frequent and prolonged use does not affect the accuracy of load measurement. In other words, the calibration of a good testing machine must be based solely upon factors which cannot undergo any changes because of wear and tear of the mechanism and as the result of heavy jerks which always occur when a specimen breaks under load. The entire machine must be so constructed that it will preserve not only the accuracy of calibration but will also protect all its elements in such a manner that they will not break or become bent in extensive use. A good testing machine should contain as few cast parts as possible because castings cannot withstand indefinitely the successive shocks produced in the entire structure when the pieces break. Every good testing machine must be automatically protected

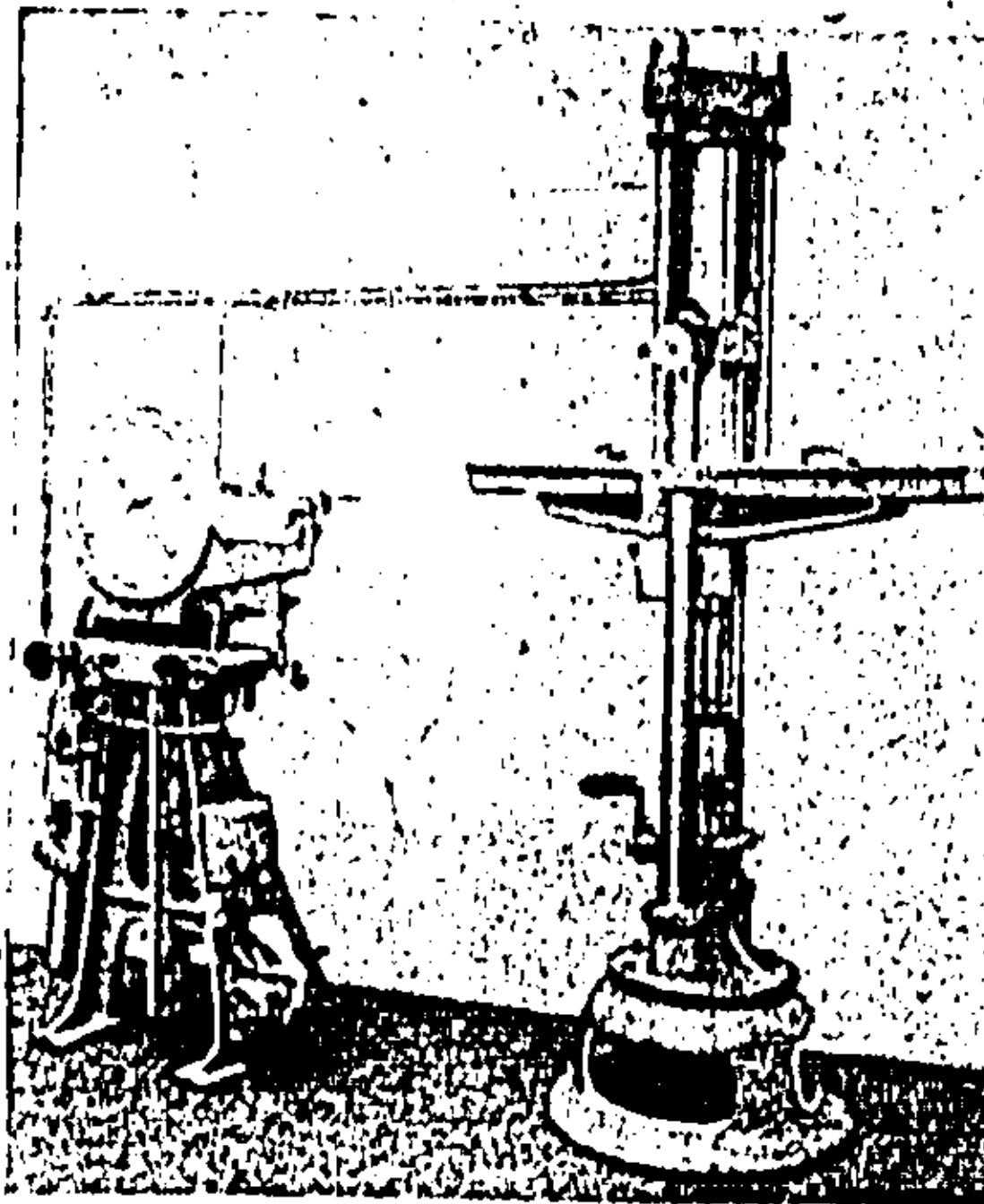


Fig. 2 AMSLER Universal Testing Machine 20 tons

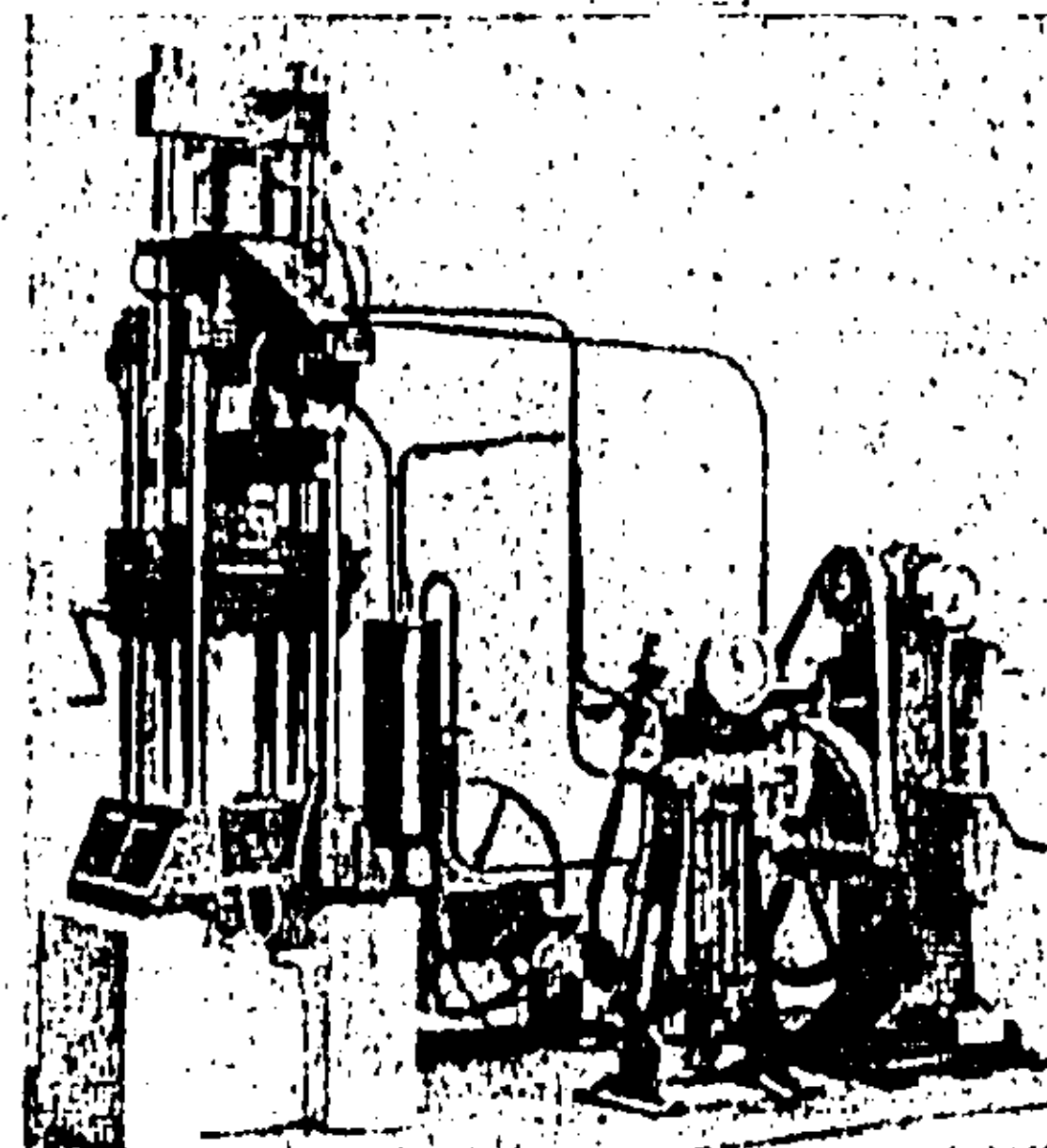


Fig. 3 50 tons Pulsating Equipment and Transverse Testing Machine for static and dynamic tests, equipped with Pulsator, Pendulum Dynamometer and Pump. Transverse pulsation test.

against damage that may result from incorrect operation. For instance, the machine or any of its parts should not be damaged if the movable crosshead is forced against the stationary head or the bottom table, and the movement is not stopped in time by the operator. If a specimen in a compression test is not correctly centered when the load is applied, the columns of the machine should not become bent. In a good testing machine, the loads applied should always be automatically counterbalanced by the load measuring mechanism during the entire duration of the test, right up to the instance of fracture of the specimen. The method which employs the balancing of a horizontal beam between the upper and lower bars

equal degree of sensitiveness and accuracy, a good testing machine should possess a large number of selective sensitiveness ranges. The addition of 3 such ranges, each from 0 to 1/5, 1/10 of the maximum range, to that equal to its rated full capacity, has been found thoroughly practical and exceedingly useful.

A good testing machine should not be limited to a definite number of speeds but should have available an infinite number of testing speeds, from the very lowest to the utmost rapid. In order to be of value in many important tests and investigations, a good testing machine must be constructed in such a manner that it permits the automatic maintenance of any desired definite load, within its rated capacity, for any desired period, independently of deformation of the specimen during that period. Such an arrangement is particularly important in high temperature tests.

A good machine designed for static, tensile and compression tests should be constructed in such a manner that it may also be readily used for tests under rapidly repeated stresses, in which it should permit an accurate measurement of the loads, of the speed and number of stress cycles applied and a wide range of adjustment of these conditions. The investigation of the strength of materials under rapidly repeated stresses is constantly gaining in importance. There is no reason why a good testing machine should not be used for tensile and compression tests to fracture by applying either one gradually increased load or a number of rapidly repeated stresses, until fracture occurs or until a definite degree of deformation of the specimen is obtained.

Only one operator should be required to perform a complete tensile test, including the production of stress-strain curve. The specimen should be readily accessible during the test, from all sides of the machine. The grips of the machine should be constructed for rapid insertion of the specimens and for quick and easy removal of the fragments. Light weight of the machines, in proportion to capacity, is also an important factor. The required absorption of heavy shocks in testing can be effected by more modern and satisfactory means than by the use of heavy masses. A well constructed testing machine should be light of weight in proportion to the forces which it is able to develop. It should not require special foundations. It should be possible to install the machine upon any ordinary office or laboratory floor, even in an upper-storey of a building.

All parts of a good testing machine should be strictly interchangeable, of sturdy construction and at the same time of the finest precision workmanship. The following 3 are the most commonly used in the field of testing machines.

Hardness Testing Machines. Next to the old type mechanical hardness tester, the optical hardness tester "Micro-durometer" as per figure No. 1 represents the latest development of hardness testers. This optical hardness tester has been designed for direct optical readings of hardness values on Rockwell C, Vickers and Brinell scales. On this outstanding machine the table is mounted on a sliding column

which can be locked at any desired height. Loads from 10 to 40 kgm. can be applied by means of weight disks and sliding weight. The depths of the impression produced are (contrary to the old types heavy loads hardness testers) so small that the test pieces are not damaged. The apparatus is suitable for use on thick and hardened pieces as

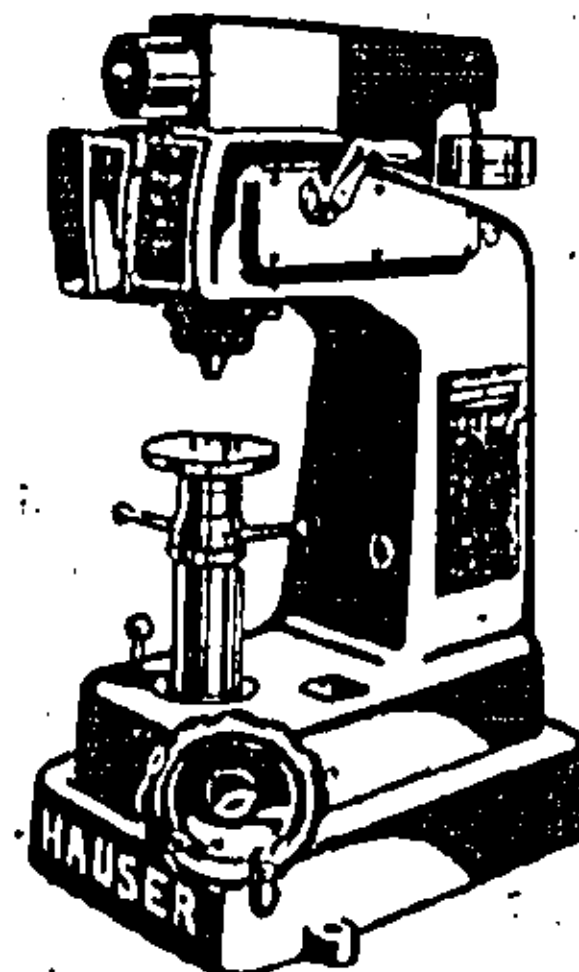


Fig. 1 "HAUSER" Optical Hardness Tester "Micro-Durometer" well as thin and delicate materials such as sheet metal right down to 0.004" (0.10 mm.) thickness.

Universal Testing Machines for compression, tensile, transverse and cold bend tests as per Figure No. 2. Such machines are available for capacities from a small fraction of a ton up to several hundred tons.

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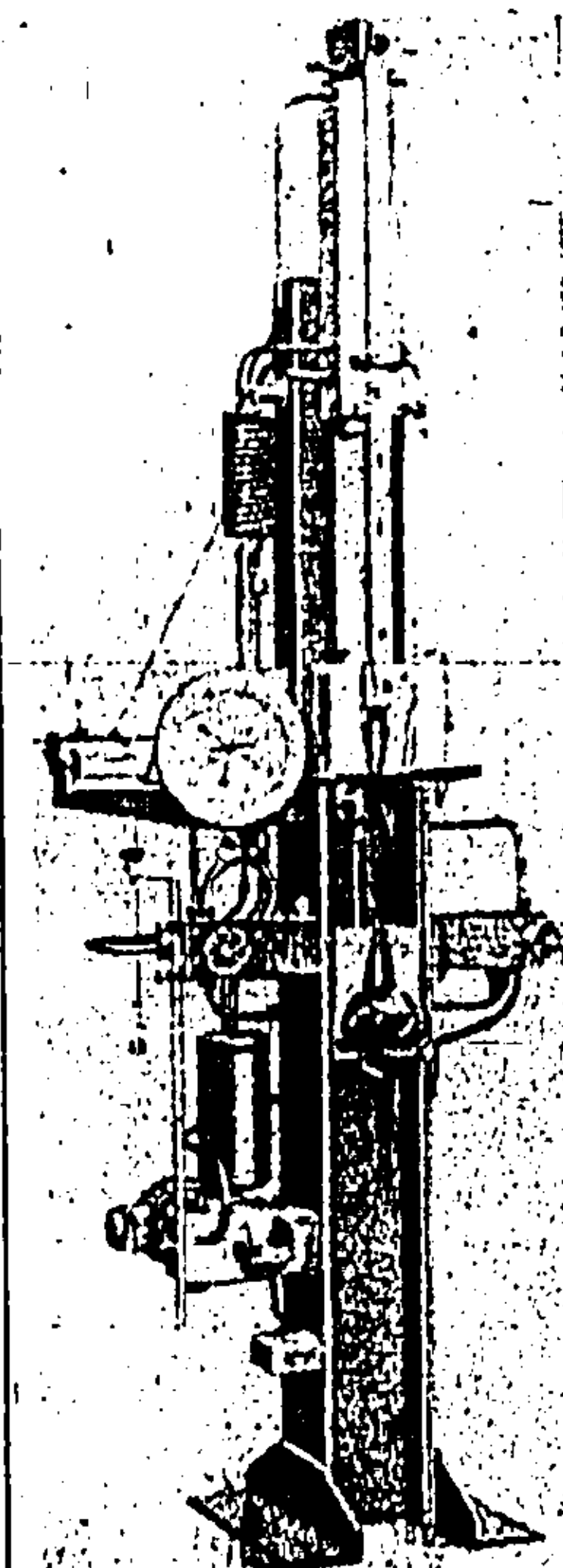


Fig. 5 Amaler Pendulum Impact Testing Machine, arranged for a Charpy (Beam) test.

hydraulic principle; oil being used as the working fluid. The hydraulic ram and cylinder are precision ground and lapped to produce a frictionless sliding fit of adequate oil tightness. The testing machine and load indicator (pendulum dynamometer) are set up as separate units beside each other. This arrangement prevents the shocks which occur when specimens fracture, being transmitted to the load indicator, thus ensuring the maximum of accuracy.

The pressure within the hydraulic system is measured in tons or pounds, of actual load by the pendulum dynamometer dial, arranged for several different load ranges so that specimens of very different strengths can be tested with the same degree of accuracy.

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AMSLER Rapid Tensile Testing Machine, Capacity 1 to 5,000 kg.

of a "beam gate" with resulting oscillations and production of stresses in the specimen which are not indicated, is too crude to be applied in any up-to-date laboratory. In a well-constructed testing machine the load measuring beam must not oscillate between 2 limit positions, but should freely and automatically follow any increase or decrease of load without producing inertia effects and without requiring any attention or manipulation on the part of the operator.

A good testing machine in which the loads applied are automatically balanced during the entire period of a test without oscillations of the beam, should produce an accurate and continuous stress-strain curve from zero load to fracture of specimen, without any manipulation or attention by the operator.

In order to be able to test both weak and strong materials, thin and heavy sections, non-ferrous and ferrous specimens, with an

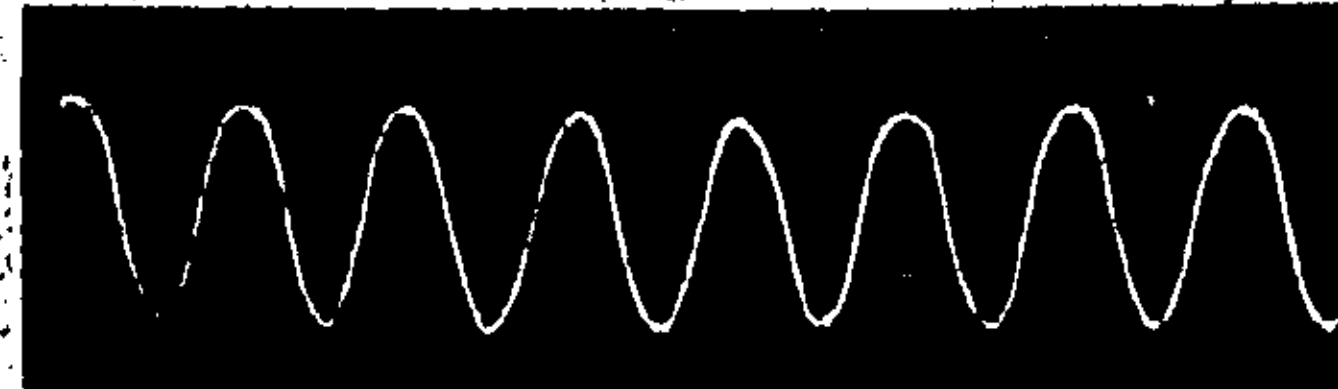
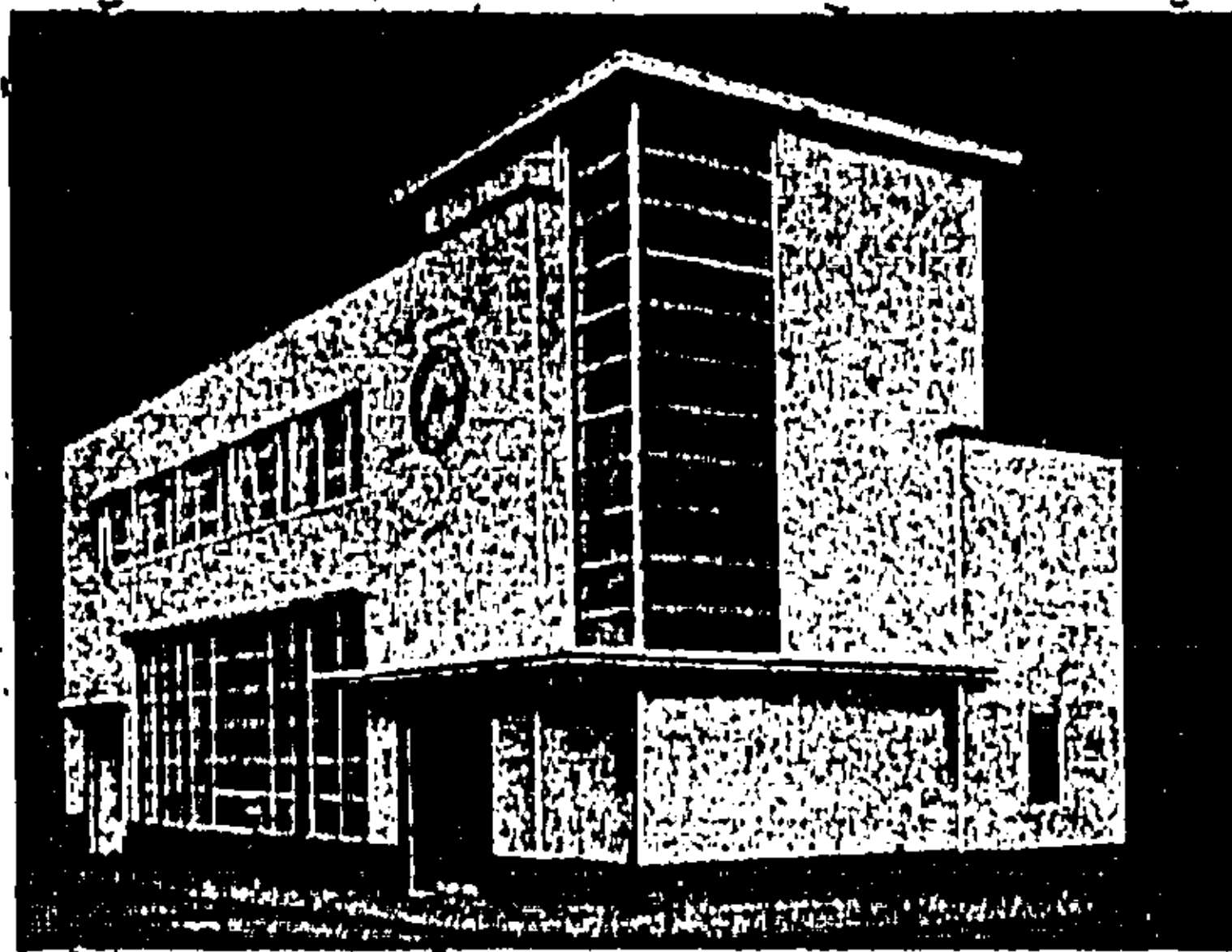


Fig. 4 Sine Wave Graph, taken by means of an Oscillograph from a pulsed test bar.



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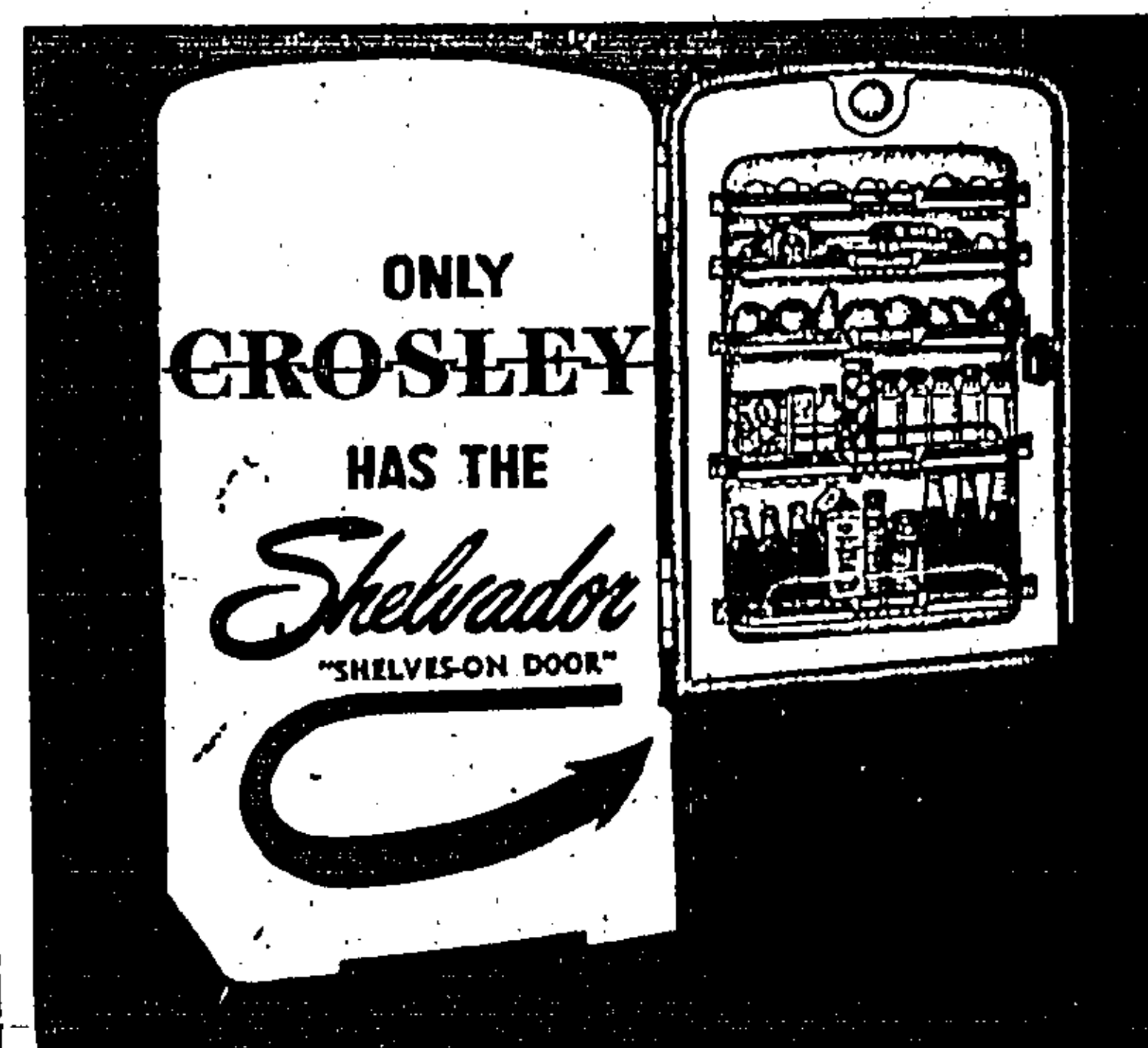
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SCHUMAN GETS SOLID VOTE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tito Blast At Bulgaria

London, August 31. Yugoslavia accused Bulgaria today of having designs on the Yugoslav province of Macedonia.

The official news agency Tanjug, in a broadcast from Belgrade, said this was behind recent assertions by the Bulgarian Press Department that Macedonia school teachers "spread hatred against the Bulgarian people."

Tanjug said the Office of Information of Macedonia issued a statement describing this as "a continuation of the unhealed slander campaign against Yugoslavia and separately, against Macedonia, which began with the notorious resolution of the Cominform." — Associated Press.

HIGH SENSITIVITY IN NEW TESTING MACHINES

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The deformation of the specimen can be transferred from the testing machine to a recording drum on the pendulum dynamometer and plotted as a function of the scales of 1:1, 2:1, 4:1, etc. The diagram produced neatly indicates the elastic limit and provides a useful graphic record of a test, showing the elastic and plastic deformation.

AMSLER Pulsators & Pulsating Machines for producing rapidly repeated stresses in test pieces, as per fig. 2.

Pulsators are used in conjunction with Hydraulic Testing Machines operated by oil, and rapidly produce low variations of high magnitude in full-size test bars and other large specimens inserted in the testing machine.

The load variations take place between two definite limits set by the operator, and these load limits remain constant during the period of test, independent of deformations of the test piece during such period.

The pulsating force exerted by the straining ram of the hydraulic testing machine, can be utilized for rapidly repeated stress tests in tension, compression, or transverse, depending solely on the type of testing machine and upon the particular manner of inserting the test-piece therein.

The specimen is subjected to a pre-load identical with the lower limit of pulsating load. A small auxiliary pump on the pulsator automatically maintains this pre-load.

The adjustment of the upper pulsating load limit is effected on the large capacity pulsator by adjusting the stroke of the pulsator ram, and on the standard capacity pulsator by displacing the phases of the connecting rod mechanism.

The upper and lower pulsating load limits are indicated on separate dials. Both the load limits are conveniently set by means of crank handles and adjustments can be made while the pulsator is at rest or during its operation.

When fracture of the testpiece occurs, the electric current feeding the driving motor is cut off automatically so that the entire pulsating equipment stops.

An automatic counter shows during the test and also after its completion, the number of stress cycles applied. See fig. 4.

The Pulsator is in permanent connection with the straining cylinder of the testing machine through a pipe of large diameter. The load variations in the cylinder of the testing machine, and consequently on the specimen, take place exactly in accordance with the sinus law.

Sundry Testing Equipment

Besides the above testing machines, there is a variety of highly specialised testing machines in the market amongst which may be mentioned:

1. Torsion Testing Machines, by means of which round or flat bars can be twisted; with automatic records of moments of torsion, in foot-lbs. or kg.-meters; Pendulum impact testing machines as per fig. 5 for transverse shock tests on brittle material, such as cast iron, stone, glass, fiber, etc.
2. Hammer machines for either transverse, compression or tension impact tests;
3. Cupping machines;
4. High frequency Vibration, Alternating Stress Testing Machines for determining fatigue;
5. Creep testing machines for elevated temperature;
6. Abrasion testing machines for studying wear and tear of metals by abrasion;
7. Various testing equipment for special purposes such as testing machines for coil and leaf springs, wood, and plywood, stone, cement, concrete, concrete pipes, wood and iron beams, porcelain insulators, porcelain towers and last but not least, the large field of application for testing machines and apparatus.

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REYNAUD SCHEME TO BE IMPOSED

Paris, August 31. Robert Schuman was named Premier of France today. The National Assembly confirmed him by a vote of 332 to 185.

Thus M. Schuman, a Popular Republican Party man, returns to the post he left 33 days ago when his coalition cabinet collapsed because of Socialist refusal to support his military budget.

France has been without a Premier since Saturday when Andre Marie resigned with his cabinet.

M. Schuman received 11 more votes than the necessary majority. In addition to his own Republican Party he was supported by the Socialist, Radical Socialist and Independent parties.

Communists and their followers mustered all but two of the negative votes. Having got a personal vote of confidence it now remains to be seen whether M. Schuman will receive the support of the Assembly on his programme and on the men he will name to his Cabinet.

M. Schuman gained his majority despite the fact that he asked for support on the same issues that caused the downfall of M. Marie's Cabinet.

Freedom At Stake

M. Schuman warned the Assembly that France's freedom is at stake in her present economic and political crisis.

It is clearly a question of national freedom, M. Schuman said, for France "consumes more than she produces." Abandoned, her money lets speculation set the national living standard and gambles through repeated crises on the existence of her political institutions.

"It is also a question of freedom when—within the French Union and throughout the world—the bases of interior and exterior peace are still precarious," M. Schuman said.

Only the Communists and the extreme Right Wing members failed to applaud his speech.

M. Schuman touched only briefly on foreign affairs but did say that the Moscow negotiations were developing "towards a definite."

Saving The Franc

As if anticipating future troubles, M. Schuman pleaded with the Legislature for a more than temporary backing.

"What authority can a Government have if confidence is given it in general and then withdrawn on each detail and each problem?" he said.

The main task of the Government, he said, must be "to save the franc."

In face of growing labour unrest, M. Schuman came out for such unpopular measures as:

- 1—No general wage increases.
- 2—An 80,000,000,000 francs increase in new direct and indirect taxes to meet the budget deficit.
- 3—Price increases in such items as milk and bread.

M. Schuman also promised to implement the economy measures planned by the ex-Finance Minister, Paul Reynaud.

Duclos Accusation

He said he would slash military and civil service expenditures.

On foreign affairs, M. Schuman pledged that his Government would go on working for the convocation of a European Assembly.

Towards Germany he said, "We will practice a policy that, while guaranteeing our security, will permit her to come in on a Democratic basis in the European structure we seek to build."

In the debate which followed, M. Jacques Duclos, the French Communist leader, condemned M. Schuman's policy and accused him of having, while Foreign Minister, increased France's "subordination to the Anglo-Saxons."

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Warsaw, August 31. M. Monseigneur Zigmunt Kaczynski, 55, leading spokesman for the Catholic hierarchy in Poland, was arrested today by security police.

Four militiamen entered Mgr. Kaczynski's apartment behind 11 Saints Church in Warsaw at 1 p.m. and shortly afterwards took him away.

His weeping housekeeper said that the militiamen searched the priest's files and books, but offered no explanation for his arrest.

The Secretary to August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, said the Cardinal had been informed of Father Kaczynski's arrest but had no further information.

Mgr. Kaczynski since the end of the war, has been the chief editorialist of the powerful Catholic weekly newspaper Tygodnik Warszawski.

He is a close friend, confidante and often spokesman for Cardinal Hlond.—Associated Press.

WORKERS RESTIVE IN FRANCE

Paris, August 31. Token strikes to protest against the wage-price gap are in progress throughout France.

Delegations have taken petitions to the Presidential Palace, and a "Battle of Bread" by bakers disregarding ration cards spread to six departments today.

The two main strikes today were at the Renault motor works, where 17,000 workers downed tools for 30 minutes, and in the mines of the northern departments and the Loire.

In the Loire, 24,000 miners staged a series of token strikes all through yesterday and similar action for today in the northern mines was announced.

There was a complete work stoppage at Calais this morning, the newspaper, Le Soleil reported, while a meeting was held at the



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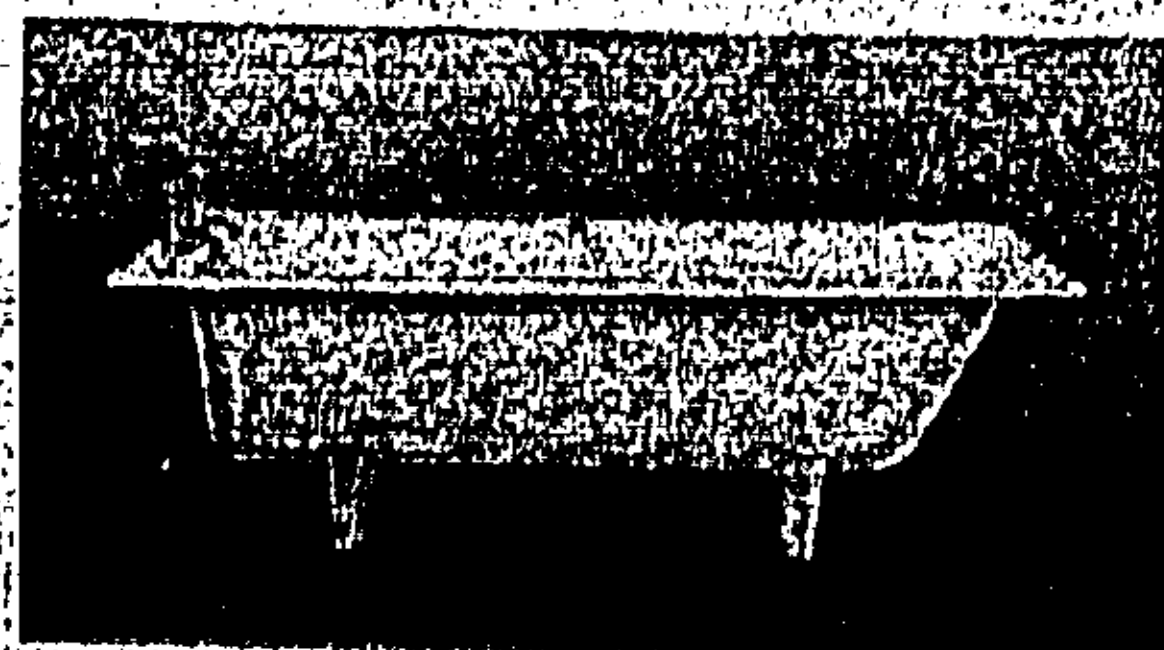
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Amsterdam, August 31. Queen Wilhelmina today told her nation, "I have fought the good fight. I have finished my walk. I have kept my belief."

The retiring Queen spoke at the Olympic Stadium to 55,000 persons in her 68th birthday speech, which was broadcast to the whole country.

To listeners, many of whose eyes dimmed with tears of affection, she expressed the hope that Queen Juliana would live up to the standards of Dutch loyalty of the past.

Her speech was given solemnly, especially when she remembered those who helped to fight the war, and said, "In the years of war much had been dreamed about and expected from the future. For many, reality after the liberation has become disappointment. I trust that there will be realised much of what were then and still are now our dreams for the future."

"On the eve of my abdication I bind this in your hearts."

Of her abdication, which comes on Saturday, she said, "For me as a mother it is a touching moment when my child takes this step. She accepts her task in a difficult and confusing time, a time that asks for strong people."

—United Press.

CZECH MINISTER RESIGNS

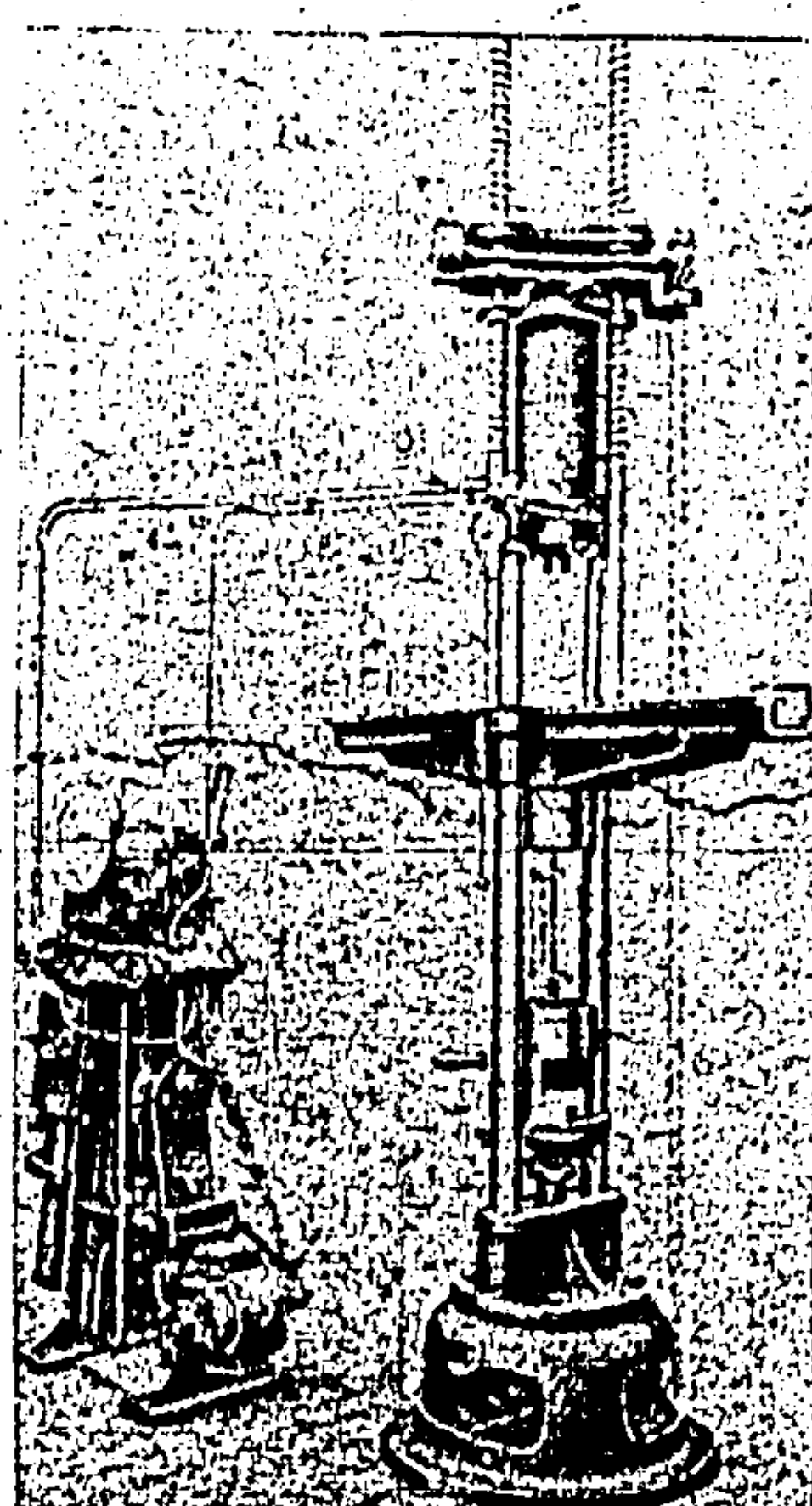
Dublin, August 31. The Czech Minister in Eire, Major Pavel Ruzicka, announced tonight that he no longer represents the Prague Government.

Berlin, August 31. The German news agency, DPD, reported from Leipzig tonight that negotiations had been successfully concluded for the State banks of the Western and Soviet Zones to open accounts with each other in the two German currencies.—Reuter.

Bread was on sale without ration cards in 16 departments of France tonight despite telegraphic instructions from the Food Ministry in Paris to all departmental prefects that rationing laws must be strictly enforced.

The "Battle of Bread" spread tonight towards Normandy in the North, Brittany in the West, Eastwards along the Loire Valley, and Southwards towards the Vendee country and Bordeaux.—Reuter.

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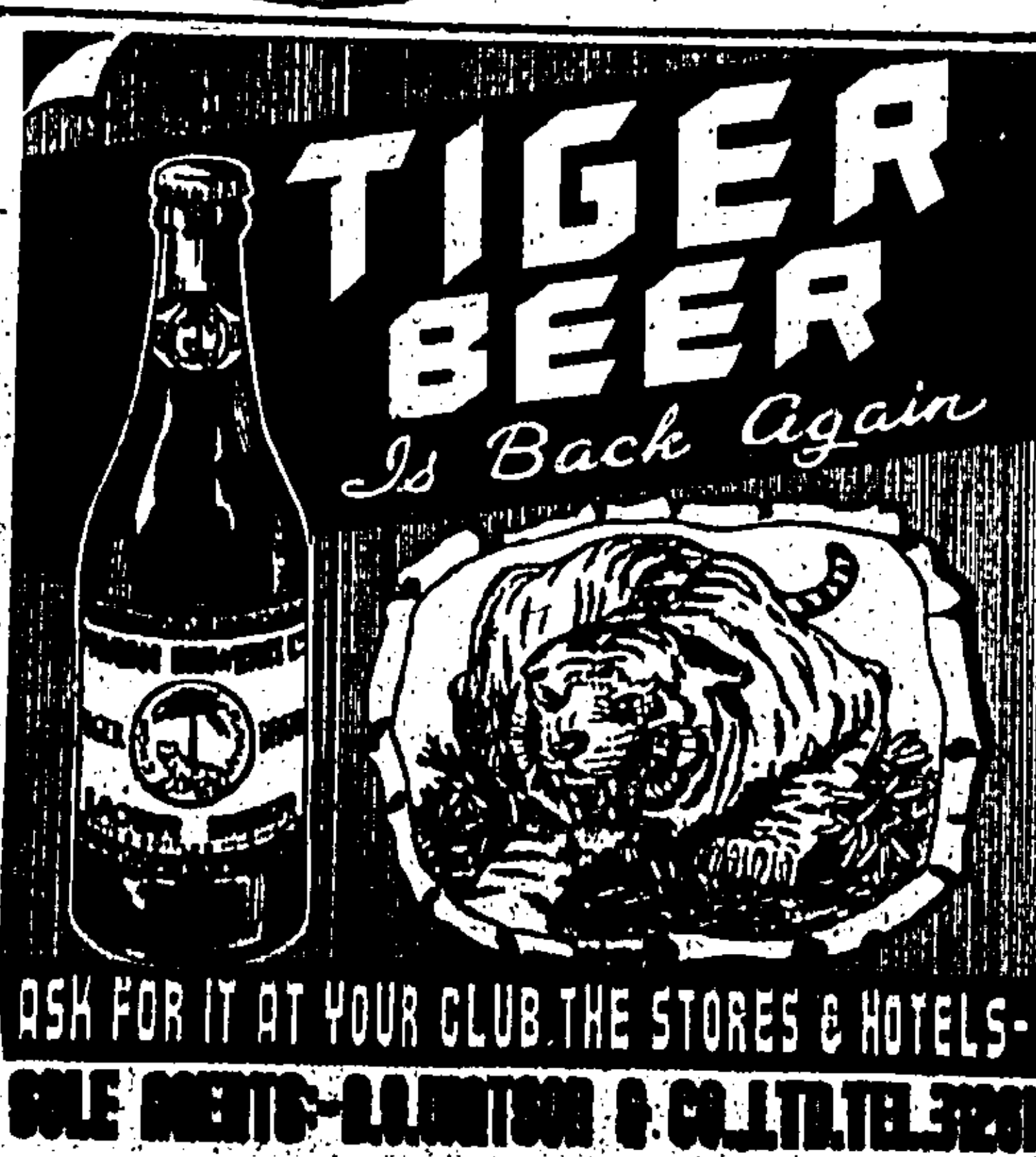
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Conscription May Be Extended In Britain

London, August 31.

The extension of compulsory military service, a nightmare issue for the Labour Party, may be forced on them by international developments. The Daily Herald, Labour's organ, said that the Cabinet has decided to slow up demobilisation from the services after October.

This will affect conscripts now liable to 18 months' service, who had expected to be released after 12 months. Unless the burden now borne by the forces is eased, they will serve the full period.

Parliament must approve any extension of service for men called up in 1949 and who, under the National Service Act passed last year, are liable to only 12 months' duty.

One source said that if the experiences of 1947 were repeated, the Government would have difficulty in persuading its Back Benchers of the necessity of adding six months to the service period.

Leftist Group

A redoubtable element in the Labour Party is opposed to conscription under any circumstances, and it has friends in the Leftist group critical of Mr. Bevin's foreign policy.

Last year, Back Benchers shook the Government with the strength of their opposition to 15 months' compulsory service and after the bill had passed its second reading with 72 Labour Members opposed—Mr. Alexander agreed to reduce the period of service to one year, and drew Mr. Churchill's rebuke that the changed decision presented "a degradation of government which has rarely been seen in the House."

If the Government retains the services of men now in the forces and, allows 1949 conscripts to serve only year, then it will be faced with charges of discrimination, which could only be answered by treating all compulsory servicemen alike.

Necessary Step

The Daily Herald said that extended period of service is pressed for by the Chiefs-of-Staff as essential to the efficiency of the forces, who now have to maintain the Berlin air lift and suppress terrorism in Malaya, both undertakings not anticipated when the National Service programme was drafted.

Legislation need not be introduced until late in the year and the Government hopes the international situation will have improved so that demobilisation can continue as planned and a change in the National Service Act would be unnecessary.

But if the international situation remains difficult, then it must face critics in its own Party and give the Services the men they need.—Reuter.

Elections Announced In Java

Batavia, August 31.

Dr. R. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, has signed a decree providing for the election of a House of Representatives with each member representing 300,000 citizens. Antara, the Republican News Agency, reported today.

The decree authorizes the President to appoint minority representatives in cases where minorities are not adequately represented.

Such members would be appointed on the basis of one delegate for every 100,000 Chinese, one for every 40,000 Arabs and one for every 20,000 Dutch and Eurasians.

Mr. John Lindray of the United Nations Good Offices Committee said today the Committee had decided to report to the Security Council for the setting up of an Interim Government.—Reuter.

13-Year-Old Fire Raiser

New York, August 31. A girl aged 13, who wanted to live with her divorced mother, has been responsible for more than 100 outbreaks of fire on a farm near Macomb, Illinois. She thought that if she burned down the house or her father, aunt and uncle, she would have to be sent to her mother. No charges have been made against the girl; but she will be examined by psychiatrists.—Reuter.

BUYERS FOR JAP STEEL

Tokyo, August 31.

Gen Douglas MacArthur's headquarters expected foreign buyers to begin negotiations within the next two weeks for the purchase of 8,207 metric tons of alloy and special steel products from the former Japan Iron and Steel Sales Company.

This is the first lot of approximately 83,000 tons to be made available for export.

Of the additional stocks now being stock-piled and re-invented, approximately 60,000 tons are expected to be utilized in the domestic economy.—United Press.

AFRICA DEFENCE CONFERENCE

London, August 31.

Representatives from 16 African territories will seek to co-ordinate economic, social, political and defence policies in talks to begin here on September 28.

The Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, will open the ten day conference—first of its kind—at which about 80 African, Asiatic (Indian) and European delegates and observers will be present.

Although the final agenda is still under discussion, officials said discussions will range over these fields:

Economic affairs, economic development, improvement of agricultural methods, medical and educational services, local Government, defence and communications.

France, Belgium, Portugal, South Africa and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan are expected to send observers to the talks.

The conference will hear addresses by the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Colonial Secretary, Arthur Creech Jones, and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery.—Associated Press.



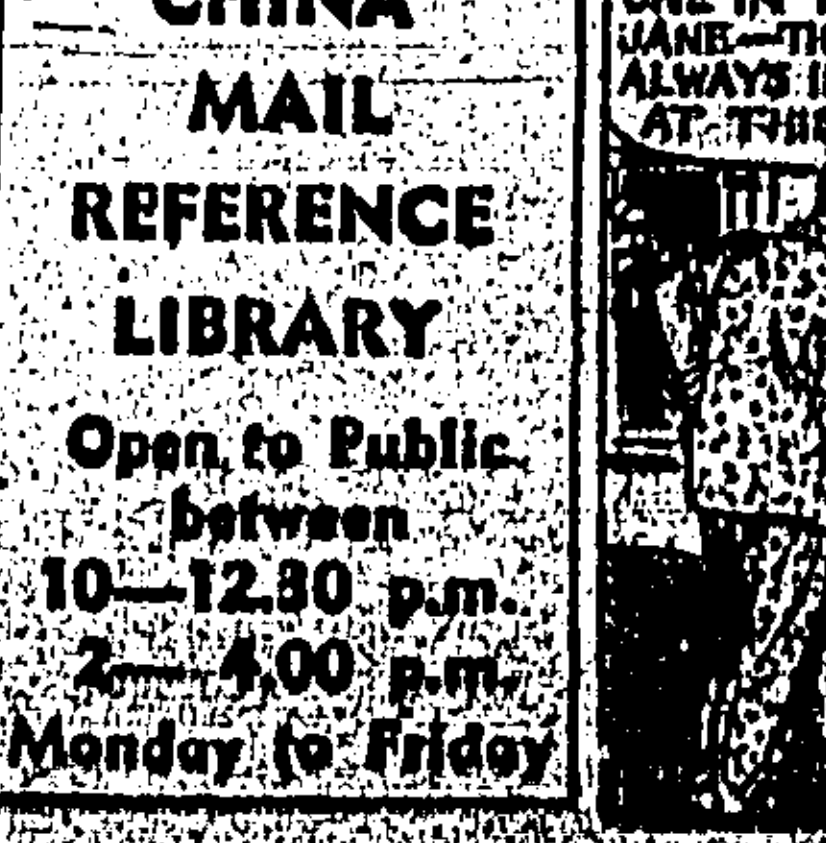
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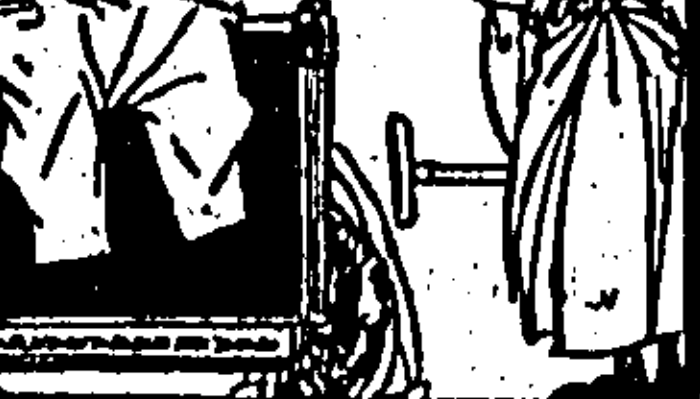
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SPY HUNT

COMMUNIST PLANS TO OVERTHROW GOVT

New York, August 31.

Alexander Stevens, alias J. Peters, was today named by a former Communist as the top Red agent in the United States.

Stevens, it was said, was empowered to give the signal for an attempt to seize the Government in time of depression or war.

Maurice Malkin, who joined the Communist Party in 1919 and was ejected in 1937, told the Stevens deportation hearing here that Stevens was the "big boss" in the middle 1930's of "action committees" throughout the nation, whose aim was to overthrow the Government by force at a ripe opportunity. He said Stevens held the ultra-powerful post of member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. As such, Malkin testified, he was the Red agent who would have given the signal for the action committees to strike. He said the committees were particularly active in cities awaiting a bad economic slump or war.

"Red fronts would be established. Action committees would immediately arrest all former officials of the United States and either liquidate them as they do in Russia or put them out of the way somewhere. The Government officials would be replaced by Communist officials."

Seen In Moscow

Malkin's evidence, together with that of other witnesses, is intended by the Government to prove its charge that Stevens should be deported as an alien aiming to overthrow the Government by force.

Stevens was in the hearing room, but spoke no word nor did he advise his counsel, who charges that the hearing is illegal. A short man with a small black mustache and a ready grin, Stevens looked nothing like the popular concept of a sinister spy. Already under threat of a Congressional contempt citation for his refusal to answer questions put to him by the House Un-American Activities sub-committee yesterday, Stevens was unperturbed.

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The Old Look!



ATHENS ARRESTS



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Another ex-Communist witness, Andrew Smith, told the immigration hearing he had seen Stevens—whom he knew as John Peters—at least four times in the Comintern building in Moscow in 1932.

Smith said Peters had been influential in transferring Smith from the Communist Party in the United States to the Communist Party in the Soviet Union "with a very high recommendation," United Press.

NEW PHASE IN GREEK WAR

Athens, August 31.

A new military and political phase opened with the Greek Army attack on the Mount Vitsi—Kaimaktsalan area.

This operation's chief significance is political and diplomatic. Its success would confirm public confidence in the Greek Army's ability to smash up the guerrillas and it would open the way for strong pressure on Albania to desist from interference in Greek affairs and from support for Communist guerrillas.

A high political source in Athens today outlined as follows the main aspects of the operation:

1. Once Mount Vitsi, totalling 1,000 square kilometres, is cleared, the Communist guerrilla leader, General Markos, would be proved to be unable to defend any area of Greece against Government attack.

2. The benefit of the Vitsi operation, if successful, would cut off the land link through Greece between Albania and Bulgaria.

Thus, the capture of Vitsi would facilitate diplomatic efforts to guarantee Greece against foreign intervention.—Reuter.

Athens, August 31. Athens police tonight announced the round-up and arrest of 17 persons accused of being members of the outlawed Communist Party recruiting for the guerrilla leader, General Markos Vassiliou.

The police said that most of them are former members of the staff of the suspended Communist newspaper Rizospastis. They are accused of raising money, recruiting for General Markos, spreading anti-Government and anti-American mission propaganda and spreading Communist propaganda.—Associated Press.



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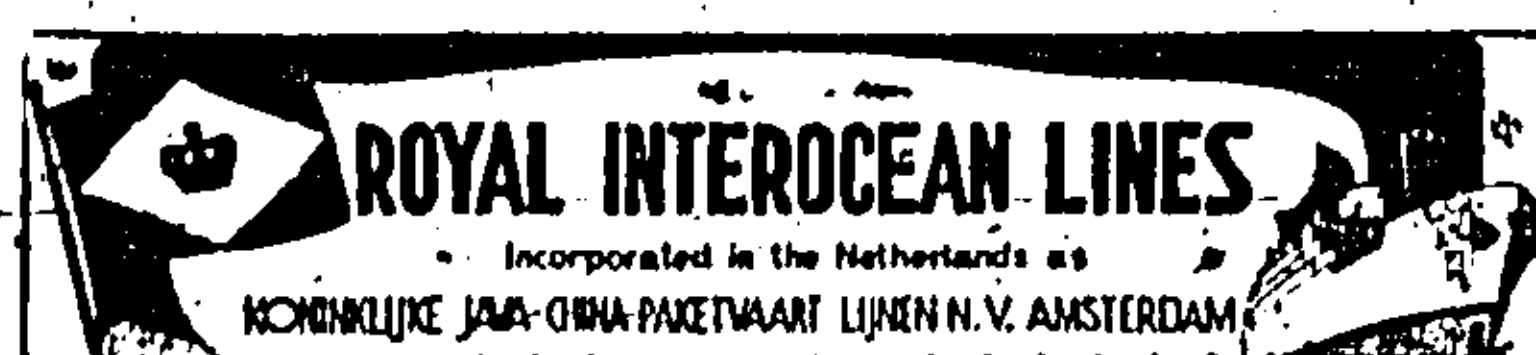
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MALAYA TO REHABILITATE THE PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY

Singapore, August 31.

Malaya is working to rehabilitate her pineapple industry so that she can challenge Hawaii for world markets. She is using Hawaiian methods as a model.

Before the war, Malaya sent 3,000,000 cases of canned pineapples annually to Great Britain.

That was 90 per cent of the British supply.

Then 40,000 acres were under pineapple cultivation in this country.

Three and one-half years of Japanese occupation wrecked the country's industry. Today only 4,000 acres grow pineapples. It has proved difficult to find fertile land on which to expand.

But the British are working wholeheartedly to get the industry back on its feet. There are three reasons:

1.—It would ease Britain's food shortage.

2.—Other export markets would bring in much needed foreign exchange.

3.—It would diversify Malayan tin and rubber economy, always hard hit in depression times.

F.C. Cook, censoring officer for the Malayan Government, returned from a study trip to Hawaii. He told growers at a general meeting, "If the Malayan pineapple industry is to expand on the scale of the Hawaiian pineapple industry, then we must

begin to sell our pineapples to the many fruit starved countries around us."

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TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai 11.45 a.m. ex-Hong Kong via Canton 8.50 p.m. ex-Bangkok 1.50 p.m. ex-Amoy via Swatow 1.55 p.m. ex-Canton 4.20 p.m. 6.45 p.m. OATC ex-Shanghai via Amoy, Canton 3.45 p.m. ex-Canton 9.10 a.m. ex-Amoy 11.40 a.m.
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POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

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 Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
 Closing Times by Air
 Canton, (Kowloon G.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m. (G.P.O.)
 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.
 Air Mail for Shanghai, (Hong) 9 a.m.
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 (Ord.) 11.30 a.m. (Reg.) 11 a.m.
 Air Mail for Kowloon and Luchow: Air Mail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking: (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
 Air Mail for Swatow: Air Mail for Hong Kong: (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
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 Macao, Sourabaya and Macassar, 2 p.m.
 Macao and Tientsin, 2 p.m.
 Canton (2nd Class Mail only), 2 p.m.
 Macao and Tientsin, 4 p.m.
 Kowloon via Canton, 5 p.m.
 Air Mail for Paralel and 2nd Class Mail, 5 p.m.

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 (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
 Air Mail for Kowloon, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking: 2 p.m. for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
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 Air Mail for Paralel and 2nd Class Mail, 5 p.m.

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 Closing Times by Air
 Air Mail for Shanghai, (Hong) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
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 PAN-AMERICAN PLANE DELAYED

The Inland Pan-American plane from U.S.A. via Manila scheduled to arrive here on Monday, August 30, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Thursday, September 3, 1948.

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Channel-Swim Abandoned

Dover, August 31.
Philip Mickman, 17-year-old schoolboy (1. Oset, York-shire, tonight abandoned his attempt to swim the Channel after being over 12 hours in the water and within about five miles of the goal.
He entered the sea at Cap Gris Nez on the French side early today and was making good progress until a freshening breeze made the sea too choppy for him to continue. —Reuter.

OLYMPICS CAUSED TOBACCO FAMINE

London, August 31.
The consumption of cigarettes by visitors to the Olympic Games was partly responsible for the acute tobacco shortage in London, according to the British Empire Producers Association.

In a statement published today, the association says that another cause of the famine has been an increase in the British purchases of over two million cigarettes a day. The statement raises the question of the subsidy paid on the 10 million pounds of tobacco purchased from Greece in 1946 to help that country's economy.

Representatives of farmers from Cyprus had complained that they could not sell their leaf in London because the leaf was being offered at a lower price than that at which it had been bought.

"In other words, they thought that the Greek and other Turkish-type tobacco was being subsidised to the detriment of British Commonwealth tobacco," Reuter.

English Soccer

London, August 31.
Soccer results today:
First Division: Burnley 0, Charlton 0.
Third Division: Southampton 0, Exeter 0.

Third Division, Northern: Barrow 0, Halifax 0; Oldham 0, Hull 1 (abandoned five minutes from time owing to bad light); Tranmere 2, Doncaster 0.
Scottish "A" Division: St. Mirren 3, Aberdeen 1.
Scottish "B" Division: Stirling 2, Cowdenbeath 1.—Reuter.

RUGBY RESULTS

London, August 31.
Rugby Union football may soon be played on the Kennington Oval cricket ground.
It is understood that the famous rugby club, Harlequins, who at present use the Twickenham ground, have been negotiating with the Surrey Cricket Club for the use of the Oval.—Reuter.

Rugby League results:
Bulldogs 9, Keighley 5; Oldham 10, Liverpool Stanley 0.—Reuter.

New Peace Moves In Union Dispute

San Francisco, August 31.
New peace moves were made in the West Coast waterfront dispute today.

Employers and one Maritime Union made compromise offers that further cleared the way for settlement before the threatened strike on Thursday.

AMERICANS PAY \$344 IN TAXES

Washington, August 31.
Tax collections by Federal, State and local governments in the United States averaged \$344.46 for each of the 144 million Americans during the year ended June 30.
The Census Bureau, announcing this, said that the total tax collections were \$40,803 million, or nearly a fourth of the 1947 national income of \$202,500 million.—Reuter.

Washington, August 31.
The Executive Board of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, one of America's two great trade union groups, endorsed President Truman for re-election by 55 votes to 12.—Reuter.

London, August 31.
The final series of County Championship games for the season ended today. While Glamorgan had finished last week to win the title, interest was maintained until the end because three counties had the chance of finishing second.

Surrey gained this distinction, with Middlesex, last year's champions, third and Yorkshire, surprisingly beaten after leading on the first innings, fourth.

Another Hutton century gave Yorkshire a good start and they had declared their first innings at 315 for nine. When the new county, Essex, took the first four wickets for only 12 runs, the Southern side were in trouble and they were out for 195.

Hutton, suffering from lumbago, could not open the Yorkshire second innings, but went in when half the game was out for 55. Essex bowlers, however, continued to dominate the play and with Yorkshire out for 119, Surrey were left to get 243 for victory. They did for the loss of only half their wickets and with time to spare.

Inglorious Finish

Surrey had not started too well against Hampshire, losing three wickets for 24, but they recovered and secured this second century each secured his second century of the season to improve the position with a partnership of 228 in three hours 40 minutes.

Able to declare after this fine recovery, Surrey forced Hampshire to follow on mainly through the sound bowling of the left arm slow bowler, McMahon, and proceeded to an innings victory.

This was an inglorious finish to Hampshire's season for they lost their last three matches and during the year lost four out of five games played at Bourne-mouth.

McMahon's match record was ten for 150, but it was Alec Hutton who finished off Hampshire with the last three wickets for only eight runs, two being with successive balls.

Middlesex finished in a blaze of glory even though robbed of the runners up position. A first innings century by Edrich and two three-figure partnerships put Middlesex on top and not until they were out did Warwickshire show real fight. Then they saved the innings defeat, mainly through Ord's brilliant 134, but the first innings arrears were too many and Middlesex had no difficulty in scoring the few runs necessary for victory. Sims had a match record for Middlesex of seven for 115.

Sensational Defeat

Glamorgan's defeat in two days was almost a sensation, but lowly Leicester refused to be intimidated by the honours which had gone to their rivals and, perhaps, the Welshmen, with the Championship "in the bag" relaxed.

All honours goes to the Leicester attack, however, which got rid of Glamorgan twice in one day, with Jack Walsh, the Australian leg break and googly bowler, taking 14 wickets for 80 runs. Famed this season for their fielding, Glamorgan saw Leicester revealing brilliance in this department, notably the 25-year-old bowler by Walsh which got rid of Woolley.

Batsmen were always on top in the draw. Essex versus Northamptonshire game, with Essex compiling their highest score of the season—514—while

Davis, with 120, hit his best ever score for Northamptonshire. The only other match of the series saw Gloucestershire defeat Kent. The struggle for first innings lead was one of the game's highlights and Tom Goddard, usually relied on as a bowler, took some of the honours by delaying all efforts to dislodge him as the Gloucestershire score gradually mounted to pass Kent's.

Results

At Lords: Middlesex beat Warwickshire by 9 wickets. Middlesex 379 and 21 for one; Warwickshire 110 and 238.

At Bourne-mouth: Surrey beat Hampshire by 10 wickets and 27 runs. Surrey 440 for 7 declared; Hampshire 269 and 153 (Alec Becker 4 for 40).

At Dover: Sussex beat Yorkshire by 5 wickets. Yorkshire 315 for 9 declared and 119; Sussex 192 and 243 for 5 (Oakes 64, James Langridge 50 not out).

At Gloucester: Gloucestershire beat Kent by 9 wickets. Kent 292 and 233 (Ames 112, Lambert 5 for 10); Gloucestershire 286 and 20 for one (Emmett 107 not out, Graveney 52 not out).

At Clacton: Essex drew with Northamptonshire. Essex 514 and 181 for 7; Northamptonshire 401 (Broderick 115 not out).—Reuter.

My Babu For USA Unlikely

New York, August 31.
The columnist, Al Buck, writing in the New York Post today, said that the field for the \$100,000 International Gold Cup at Belmont Park on October 16 may include the Maharajah of Baroda's My Babu.

My Babu was favourite for the Epsom Derby, in which he finished fourth, and was recently struck out of the St. Leger because he could not stay.

As the distance of the Gold Cup is one mile five furlongs, almost as far as the St. Leger, it is doubtful whether My Babu's appearance in the international field is as likely as Mr. Buck suggests.

Mr. Buck, however, said that My Babu was a sure starter for the race until the Maharajah recently had to return to his state from Britain to settle domestic political problems.

He added that if that visit proved successful, then My Babu would be running for the Gold Cup.

It is reported that Citation, America's champion three-year-old, will be in the field.—Reuter.

WOODCOCK WORRIED ABOUT DISTANCE

London, August 31.
The comeback out of Bruce Woodcock, European heavyweight champion, against the American, Lee Oma, on September 21 will be only over eight rounds, it was revealed today.

Promoter Jack Solomons said "Woodcock wanted a stiff fight for his first one but is a little worried about the distance. He turned down contests with continental boxers over longer distances in favour of Oma in a hard test."—United Press.

S.A. NOT TO CEDE NAVAL PORT

Cape Town, August 31.
The South African Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, told Parliament today that the Government was not at present considering any change in the agreement of 1908 ceding the port of Simonstown to Great Britain for exclusive use as a naval station.—Reuter.



FIRST MAN HOME in the world championship 115-mile road race for amateur cyclists at Valkenburg, Holland, was Harry Schnell, 31-year-old plumber from Borne, Sweden. His time for the distance was 5 hours 10 minutes 22 seconds. More than 90 competitors from 23 countries took part. Picture shows Schnell crossing the line.—AP Photo.

HOW HOME FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAMS FARE

When the league fixtures for Saturday, September 4, are fulfilled nearly all the league clubs will have played five games. Accordingly the classified league standings will be published in Monday's edition of the China Mail.

At Birmingham on Saturday Aston Villa will try to wrest Derby County's 100 per cent record. In their last six encounters at Villa, Derby won three and lost twice, the other game resulting in a draw. If previous records are any criterion then Derby must be making the journey full of confidence.

Portsmouth are displaying good form at the moment and are due at Goodison Park for their return game with Everton. Last week the teams met down south and resulted in a fine home win for Pompey.

In the Second Division the match of the day is down at the Dell where Southampton receive newly promoted Queen's Park Rangers. Although the Londoners have played good football, conceding but one point in four games it would not surprise me if they receive their first reverse at the hands of Billy Dodgins.

Fulham, who at the time of writing have five points from three games, go to Bury and to Gillingham they have had but one success in recent seasons.

Ipswich, whose fine form is arousing Second Division speculation, won't have things all their own way at Swansea on Saturday where a draw seems a fair forecast. Bournemouth, smarting from a sound defeat at the hands of lovely Bristol Rovers are due at Reading and it is interesting to note that they have only registered one win in the Biscuitmen's ground since 1933.

A Surety
Port Vale have yet to beat Brighton down south at Goldstone Road and the seaside team imbued with the Don Welsh spirit are a force to be reckoned with. I don't see that they will lose their unbeaten record on Saturday and pools' fans would do well to mark this game as a home win.

WEST "SPREADING COMMUNISM"

Camden, N.J., August 31.
The Western Powers' policy of rebuilding Germany is "doing more to spread Communism than all the Communists in Europe," according to a war crimes prosecutor, Joseph E. Dubois Jr.

Dubois, who was the chief prosecutor against 23 top officials of the I. G. Farben German cartel, said that American, British and French leaders in the Reich are "coddling the Germans to win them over."

"The motion is that we should rebuild Western Germany and maintain it as a powerful buffer against Russia and Communism," he said. Dubois said such a policy "is working in the reverse and is doing more to spread Communism than all the Com-

munist" because most Europeans are more afraid of a strong Germany than they are of Russia. He said that none of the military authorities to whom he talked in Germany ever denied that in the event of war with Russia now the "Russians could take Western Germany and the rest of Europe in a few days."

Dubois said Western Europeans are fearful of the possibility that Germany will again rise as a great power which can bring another war on them.—United Press.

AUSTRALIA MEETS SOUTH ENGLAND, SCORES 99-2

Hastings, September 1.
The Australian cricket tourists batted first in fine but cloudy weather on a good wicket against South of England here today and by lunch time had scored 99 runs for two wickets. There was a record attendance of 12,000 to see Bradman win the toss and choose to bat first against South of England. There was a sensational start when Trevor Bailey, Essex fast bowler, took Barnes' wicket with the first ball of the Hastings Festival.

He was helped by a good catch at the wicket on the leg side by Griffiths. Barnes mistimed a hook off a short ball. Bradman thus became virtually an opening batsman but he was at ease from the first ball and in the opening half an hour scored 34 out of 47 runs.

In contrast to Bradman, Brown rarely attempted more than a deflection. This stroke led to his dismissal when at 49 he glanced Mallett to leg. The ball struck the wicket-keeper's pads and Edrich, running in from short fine leg took an easy catch.

BOWLS SINGLES FINAL

The final of the H.K.C.C. Lawn Bowls Single Championship will be played at the Club today at 5.30 p.m.
Mr. R.R. Davies will umpire. The finalists are W. Williams who beat J. Mount 22-10; J. Prentice 21-17; and L.L. Miles 21-14 and R.A. Edwards who beat R.H. Wild 21-17; A.W. Brown 22-18 and R. Phillips 21-19.

A keen game is expected as R.A. Edwards won the last singles Championship of the Club in 1941.

Today's Games

The following matches are games in the Third Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship:
R.F. Luz (28035) v. J.A. da Luz (20578) at K.D.C.
J.S. Landolt v. W.C. Ogley (28151) at K.B.G.C.
L. Sykes v. J.W.M. Dickson (32602) at C.C.C.
M.B. Hansen (28001) v. R. Leigh (31712) v. A.A. Lopes at C.C.C.
F.X.M. da Silva (20578) v. J.E. Noronha (32293) v. K.M. Omar (28001) at K.C.C.
Francis Lee v. A.R. Minu (28001) at K.C.C.
A.J. Coelho (27818) v. T.A. Martin (25607) at K.D.C.
D. Rozario (28000) v. C.S. Russell (25530) at K.B.G.C.

BATHS AND GIRLS AS A LURE

Tokyo, August 31.
The Communist daily, Red Flag, complained today that city officials were using free baths, entertainment and beautiful girls to lure Japanese re-education camp inmates from the Communist Party on their arrival here from Soviet areas.

The paper bowed that despite all official efforts, the party signed up 200 passengers from a re-education train yesterday.

The Communist report said officials refused to check the baggage of those who went to the Communist party headquarters during the interval between trains.

The paper quoted a city assemblyman as telling a crowd: "You will not have time to go to the Communist headquarters. We have baths and entertainment prepared for you. Beautiful girls will wait on you."—United Press.

Jerusalem Withdrawal

Haifa, August 31.
United Nations headquarters announced today that the withdrawal from the Red Cross area of Jerusalem agreed on Monday did not take place as the commanders of the Egyptian and Arab Legion did not receive instructions from their governments.

U.N. observers, however, do not anticipate any difficulty once instructions are received. In connection with the recent incident at which two French officers were killed at an Egyptian-held airfield the United Nations released a statement today saying that attacks on United Nations observers last week were made by both sides.—Associated Press.

CUBS SET BACK DODGERS TWICE

New York, August 31.
Chicago Cubs handed the National League pennant hopes of Brooklyn Dodgers a double today.

They swept a double header from the League leaders, 3-0 and 7-2, before an overflow crowd of 45,531.

The opening game shut-out, which snapped the Dodgers' seven-game winning streak, was the masterful one-inning pitching performance of the veteran, Hank Borowy, who faced only 27 batters.

The only man to get on base, Gene Hermanski, singled in the second inning and was thrown out stealing.
The double win by tail-end Cubs was reminiscent of the twin sweep they scored last Thursday against Boston Braves, who also were leading the League at the time. Chicago pitchers today were the same as at that time.

Catcher Bob Schilling drove in all three Cub runs. Lade scattered nine Dodgers hits to score his third win in the nightcap. Ralph Brancas, coming back after an injury, was knocked out in the second inning when he walked.

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